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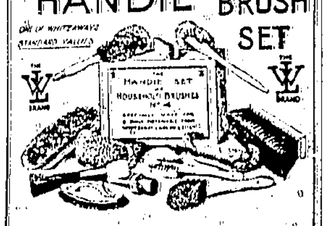

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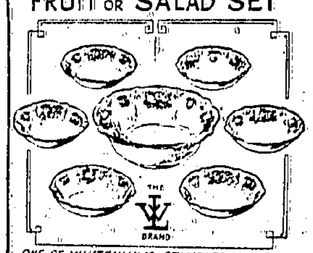

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POWERS AND CHINA.

EXTRALITY COMMISSION'S REPORT.

Important Recommendations.

CHINESE DELEGATE'S SPECIAL STATEMENT.

Important recommendations are contained in part four of the Extra-Territoriality Commission's report which was issued by the Chinese Foreign Office yesterday.

The Commission recommends a progressive scheme for the abolition of extrality, China meanwhile taking certain steps to improve the administration of justice."

The fifth recommendation deals with the question of taxation as follows:—"Pending the abolition of extrality, the nationals of the Powers concerned should be required to pay such taxes as may be prescribed in the laws and regulations duly proumlgated by the competent authorities of the Chinese Government and recognised by the Powers concerned as applicable to their nationals."

The Chinese delegate qualified his assent to the report, and issued a declaration expressing disappointment that the Commission found it inexpedient to recommend the immediate abolition of extrality owing to the conditions of the country but hoping that once China has completed her judicial reform programme, the Powers will open negotiations for the final abolition of extrality.

Powers' Rights.

Peking, Nov. 29.

The Waichiaopu this evening issued part four of the Extrality Commission's report consisting of the Commissioner's recommendations.

The Commissioners express the opinion that when these recommendations have been reasonably complied with the several Powers would be warranted in relinquishing their respective rights of extrality.

They declare that it is understood that upon the relinquishment of extrality, the nationals of the Powers concerned will enjoy freedom of residence, trade and civil rights in all parts of China, in accordance with the general practice in intercourse among nations, and upon a fair and equitable basis.

Judicial System Reform.

The first recommendation declares that the administration of justice with respect to the civilian population in China must be entrusted to a judiciary which will be effectively protected against any interference from the Executive or other branches of the Government, whether civil or military.

The second urges the adoption of a programme for the improvement of the existing legal, judicial and prison systems, and suggests, that the Chinese Government should consider parts I and II of the report with a view to making such amendments and taking such action as may be necessary to meet the observations there made.

After enumerating a number of laws which it is recommended should be completed and enforced, the Commissioners urge the Government to extend the system of modern courts, prisons and detention houses with a view to elimination of the old-style magistrates' courts, prisons and detention houses, and to make adequate financial provision therefor.

A Progressive Scheme.

The third suggests that prior to reasonable compliance with all the recommendations abovementioned, but after the principal items thereof have been carried out, the Powers concerned, if so desired by the Chinese Government, might consider the abolition of extrality according to such a progressive scheme as may be agreed upon.

The fourth suggests that pending the abolition of Extrality, the Powers concerned, with the cooperation of the Chinese Government wherever necessary, should make certain modifications in the existing systems and practice of extrality.

Modifications Outlined.

Peking, Nov. 29.

These suggested modifications are:—

(1) The Powers concerned should administer as far as practicable in their extra-territorial or consular courts such Chinese laws and regulations as they deem proper to adopt.

(2) As a general rule Mixed Court cases between nationals of the Powers concerned as plaintiffs and persons under Chinese jurisdiction, as defendants, should be tried before the modern Chinese courts [Shenpanting] without the presence of a foreign assessor to watch the proceeding or otherwise participate.

With regard to the existing special mixed courts, their organisation and procedure should as far as the special conditions in the settlements and concessions warrant, be brought more in accord with the organisation and procedure of the modern Chinese judicial system.

Foreign Lawyers.

Lawyers who are nations of the extra-territorial Powers and who are qualified to appear before the extra-territorial or consular courts, should be permitted, subject to the laws and regulations governing Chinese lawyers, to represent clients, foreign or Chinese, in all mixed cases.

No examination should be required as to qualification for practice in such cases.

(3) The extra-territorial Powers should correct certain abuses which have arisen through the extension of foreign protection to Chinese as well as to business and shipping interests, the actual ownership of which is wholly or mainly Chinese.

Also the extra-territorial Powers which do not now require compulsory periodical registration of their nationals in China should make provision therefor at definite intervals.

Arbitration Machinery.

(4) The necessary arrangements should be made with regard to judicial assistance [including commission regatoires] between the Chinese authorities and the authorities of the extra-territorial Powers, and between the authorities of the Powers themselves, for example:—

(a) All agreements between foreigners and persons under Chinese jurisdiction which provide for the settlement of civil matters by arbitration should be recognised and awards made in pursuance thereof should be enforced by extra-territorial or consular courts in the case of persons under their jurisdiction, except when in the opinion of the competent court the decision is contrary to public order or good morals.

(b) Satisfactory arrangements should be made between the Chinese Government and the Powers concerned for the prompt execution of judgments, summonses and warrants of arrest or search concerning persons under Chinese jurisdiction duly issued by the Chinese courts and certified by competent Chinese authorities and vice versa.

The fifth recommendation deals with the question of taxation as follows:—"Pending the abolition of extrality, the nationals of the Powers concerned should be required to pay such taxes as may be prescribed in the laws and regulations duly promulgated by the competent authorities of the Chinese Government and recognised by the Powers concerned as applicable to their nationals."

Chinese Delegates' Statement.

In attaching his signature to the extrality report, Mr. Wang Chung-hui, on behalf of China, stated:—"By signing this report my approval of all the statements contained in parts I, II and III is not implied."

Mr. Wang Chung-hui also issued a declaration expressing disappointment that the Commission found it inexpedient to recommend the immediate abolition of extrality owing to the present conditions of the country, and says that in view of the sincere intentions and unremitting efforts of China during the past decade to improve laws, judicial system and methods of judicial administration in China, and had hoped that the Powers would recognise the advisability of relinquishing without delay all the extra-territorial privileges enjoyed by their nationals.

It is the firm intention of the Chinese Government on its own intitiative to persist in the judicial reform programme, including the points mentioned in the recommendations. China is confident that when the judicial programme has been carried out the Powers will on the receipt of notice to such effect open negotiations for the final abolition of extrality.

Evidence of Goodwill.

The declaration appreciates as evidence of the Powers' goodwill the recommendations respecting *immediate discontinuance of the* practices which are not warranted by the treaties, and other improvements in the existing relations which will promote better understanding between the Chinese and foreigners.

The declaration emphasises that the earnest hope of the Chinese people is to see the extra-territorial regime abolished and replaced by a condition consonant with the sovereignty of their country, and this aspiration can be aided in its fulfilment by a sympathetic attitude on the part of the Powers.

The Chinese people confidently anticipate a further manifestation of that attitude and early realisation of their legitimate aspirations.

HANKOW TROUBLE.

Agitation for Customs Union.

EXAMPLE OF CANTON.

Superintendent and Native Employees.

Agitation fomented recently at Hankow has brought about a position similar to that in Canton a few months ago.

It is interesting to note that the official nominated by the Nationalist Government, ever since the capture of the Wu-Han cities, to be Superintendent of Customs at Hankow, is Mr. Chan Kung-pok (Cantonese pronunciation).

Mr. Chan Kung-pok, in official uniform.

This post does not carry with it any administrative powers over the Chinese Maritime Customs, which, of course, is directed by the Inspector-General at Peking. But at the major treaty port in each province, a Chinese official holds the post of Superintendent. Usually this official is also Commissioner for Foreign Affairs for the provincial government.

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Who Mr. Chan Is.

When Hankow was in Wu Pei-fu's hands, a Northerner held the position but Mr. Chan succeeded him on the Cantonese entering the city.

Prior to going North, Mr. Chan was head of the Government Labour Department (not Ministry). He was nominated as one of the official delegates to the Boycott Conference but did not serve, as he left for the front.

At Hankow now, some of the extremists are agitating for the native employees of the Customs to form their own union.

Trouble Anticipated.

Such a union was started in Canton. Loyal employees were intimidated but Colonel F. Hayley-Bell (then Commissioner) was adamant. A stage was reached when some of the loyalists had to be quartered in the Customs House. Then the trouble blew over and Chinese in the Canton Customs remain without a union.

It is alleged that the formation of a Customs employees' union is contrary to good working.

Mr. Chan Kung-pok is reported to have made a speech in which he called upon the employees of the Hankow Customs to join the (proposed) union, if only from patriotism, as the Customs "should be run by Chinese and not by foreigners."

Accordingly, a certain amount of trouble is anticipated.

Hankow Strike.

Hankow, Nov. 28.

A general anti-foreign strike and boycott is threatened for December 4, embracing servants, office workers and all Chinese in foreign employ. British residents have cabled the Foreign Office for additional protection. Arrangements are being made for the formation of a corps of special constables, since the agitators are intimidating the Chinese municipal police and threatening their families.

The French are taking up a very strong attitude with the result that after a complaint to the military a soldier and a civilian were executed this morning for creating a disturbance in the French concession last night. The various concessions are making plans for storing up food.—Reuter.

Foreigners in Danger.

Peking, Nov. 28.

One of the Legations has received a telegram from its Consul General at Hankow stating that the lives and property of its nationals are in danger.—Reuter.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

THIRTEEN ACCUSED ENGAGE LAWYERS.

Bail Refused Again.

COUNSEL RAISES QUESTION OF HANDCUFFS.

Twenty of the men who, it is alleged, were connected with the piracy of the s.s. "Sunning" were again brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, appeared on behalf of the Crown. Mr. G. A. Gordon Leask, of Messrs. G. K. Hall-Brutton and Co. defended the 19th. accused—a Ningpo man, Mr. Leo d'Almada defended the second accused whilst Mr. M. K. Lo appeared on behalf of So Tik-sai (the 6th. accused) and ten others.

At the commencement of this morning's hearing His Worship informed counsel that he understood that the Police intended asking for a formal remand until Thursday.

Mr. King: That is so. If Your Worship will remand this case until noon on Thursday we shall then be in a position to fix a date.

Application for Bail.

Mr. Lo: I quite appreciate the fact that in a case such as this, your Worship will find it somewhat difficult to allow bail. In one case, however, I must submit a very strong application. This is the case against the sixth accused, So Tik-sai. In this case I sent proof of the man to the Crown Solicitor. I understand that the papers are at present in the hands of Mr. King. In making this application, I must necessarily disclose my defence. My client is the proprietor of a mason's shop in Aberdeen with a branch at Amoy. He received a contract for the grave of the late Mr. Ho Fook and proceeded to Amoy in this connection. When in Amoy he bought stone and engaged a number of masons. Part of that stone has already arrived in the Colony and more is expected by a ship which is due here in a few days. He is a Fukien man and is well known.

I am not only prepared to produce cash security for almost any amount that your Worship may determine, but I am in a position to produce sureties from men well-known to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs—men whose integrity is beyond question.

I understand that the case against this man is that he was identified by someone. Your Worship will not dispute the fact there may be every likelihood of a case of mistaken identity. When I first went to Europe I recall that almost every Englishman appeared to look the same. I submit that such a case is more than probable when Englishmen are called upon to identify Chinese.

His Worship: Has this man been identified by any of his fellow-countrymen?

Mr. King: Yes.

Need For a Prima Facie Case.

Mr. Lo: I think the prosecution must satisfy your Worship that they have a *prima facie* case before bail can be definitely refused. I can produce satisfactory security that this man will turn up. His sureties will .....

Mr. King: At this stage I must strongly oppose bail. I don't know whether I am called upon to open my case to-day. I agree that this man has been in business here for some years and that he did go to Amoy, but he has been identified and I cannot acquiesce to any grant of bail at this stage.

His Worship: I am afraid that in view of the seriousness of the charge I shall not be able to entertain your request, Mr. Lo.

Mr. King: I can read evidence of identification from one witness.

His Worship: Would you like to hear it, Mr. Lo?

Mr. Lo: I certainly should.

Mr. King: A Chinese woman passenger has stated as follows:—I sure remember this man. He had a gun and he came to the passengers' cabins. He came to my cabin and demanded my jewellery.

Continuing, Mr. King said that the man had also been identified by the Captain of the ship, who pointed him out as a pirate.

His Worship: The Captain being a man with experience on the China coast for many years?

Mr. King: That is so.

The Magistrate: It sounds as though the prosecution has made out a *prima facie* case.

Mr. Lo: I thought Mr. King's position was that while he could not approve my application, he could not oppose it.

His Worship: Bail is refused. All are remanded in custody until Thursday noon. (To Mr. King): It has been suggested that each man should have a card hanging round his neck bearing his number in English and Chinese.

Mr. King: Arrangements are being made in that connection.

Question of Handcuffs.

Mr. Lo: I do not know what will happen when the trial opens. I notice that the defendants are handcuffed. I think I am right in saying that this is contrary to practice.

His Worship: I was asked about it. In view of the serious nature of the charge, I thought that every consideration should be shown to the Police.

Mr. King: It is merely a matter of saving policemen: the men will not be handcuffed when the case is opened.

Mr. d'Almada: We might release the handcuffs if we closed the doors.

Mr. Lo: I should strongly oppose anything of the kind.

His Worship left the Court with counsel discussing the matter.

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THE KILT IN THE COLONY.

"It is good to see the kilt in Hong Kong, and you lads wear it well. I am proud of you, said Mr. R. M. Dyer, Chieftain of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society when replying to the toast of his health proposed by Captain D. C. Logan, M.C., in command of the Scottish Company, H.K.V.D.C. when Mr. Dyer entertained the officers and members of the Company at the Volunteer Headquarters following the annual Church Parade, which took place at the Union Church yesterday morning.

Addressing Mr. Dyer, Captain Logan said that he would take the opportunity of congratulating him upon his election as Chieftain of the St. Andrew's Society for the second time. It was, of course, due to the great interest that Mr. Dyer displayed in everything Scottish—an interest which was appreciated by one and all. Were it not for Mr. Dyer, half the Scottish functions that are held in Hong Kong would never take place. They were greatly indebted to Mr. Dyer for so generously entertaining them. The morning was warm and the refreshments were most welcome.

Turning to the members of the Company, Captain Logan said that it was with the utmost pride that he noted that such a large percentage of the Company's strength had turned out. He realised that it was difficult for many to get away, but that day's attendance was a record one and he hoped that the number at future functions of that kind would be as good.

The toast of Mr. R. M. Dyer and the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society was accorded musical honours.

Church Parade.

Preceded by their pipes and drums, the Scottish Company marched to the Union Church by way of Garden and Kennedy Roads, arriving at the Church a few minutes before the Presbyterian detachment of the 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers.

The service was a simple one according to the Presbyterian custom. Opening with the hymn, "Before Jehovah's Awful Throne," the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie offered prayer. A short lesson (Gen. XXXI; 36) was read by the Rev. P. W. Alexander, C.F., and Mr. Maconachie preached an interesting sermon during the course of which he pleaded for the retention of national customs.

The preacher said that with the lapse of time and pressure of circumstances, even the most obstinate of national customs tended to pass away. The underlying kinship of blood and speech and common ancestry asserted itself and common interests also revealed themselves. In the course of nature and providence the antagonism of clan and province died down, and nobody wanted all differences to disappear. "Life will be a dull affair and a sadly impoverished one if, if ever it is reduced to a dead level of monotonous uniformity."

"Let the clans keep their varied tartans by all means continued the speaker;" they add to the picturesqueness of a drab world. Let north, south, east and west preserve their various traditions, legends, customs and ways of speech. Life is the richer and the kindlier and the more humoursome for the whole of it. We don't want "Jegarsahadutha" to turn "Galeed" out of the dictionary, nor yet to see Jacob's short world win a fatal victory over its many-lettered equivalent.

Passing Days of Ban.

Both of them are precious, and so is everything else that means home and nature and nativity to a human heart.

It is all part of our birthright inheritances, and there is no "progress" in throwing it away, but only a diminishing and belittlement of life and personality.

The true effort of anything rightly called civilisation is not to get rid of variety but to leave behind misconceptions, hatreds and alienations with which the endless divergences in speech, dress, custom and so forth become all too easily bound up. Troubled although our times are in the immediate present I think there is cause to believe that this great principle is becoming better understood.

The days of ban and excommunication for perfectly innocent or even laudable divergencies of thought, expression, observances, are passing away. They are passing from the Church, as was indeed high time, but not from the Church alone. In the political sphere forcible (and futile) attempts at uniformity have been at least as rife as in the ecclesiastical. Conquerors have waged many a losing fight with human nature expressed in national spirit.

"Imperialism."

They have made it a crime to speak the mother tongue, to keep a national festival or wear a national costume. But they have not killed these things because the love of them is indestructible.

I do not mean to say that oppressions of that sort do not exist anywhere in the world to-day. Unhappily, they do. But their day is really over. If any such policy had been attempted within the British empire there would be no British empire to-day. We are being described as "Imperialists" and arrogant oppressors in China at present, but the slogan is against the realities of the case and for that reason it will die down in China as it is dying in India in spite of all that can be done by Moscow to keep it alive.

Through long and costly experience, marked like all things human by its share of failure and error, the growing British empire has acquired the difficult art of enlarging without disputing.

That is because no attempt has been made to mould the constituent parts of the empire into one uniform pattern, but rather to preserve to each all that is most prized and characteristic in its special culture.

The Smaller Partner.

The Act of Union between the Crowns of England and Scotland in 1707 succeeded because it paid careful regard not only to the rights but the susceptibilities of the smaller partner in the alliance. Like the covenant between Laban and Jacob, that treaty was a definite consignment to the past of the many causes of friction and strife between neighbours and relations who had had more than enough of quarrelling.

They had come to see—as all mankind will yet come to see—that their common interests outweighed any sectional advantages which the one could ever snatch from the other, and had also realised that human goodwill is a stronger security than arms and fortifications.

Keep and castle still frown on one another from opposite banks of the Solway and the Tweed, but they are falling to ruin and never will be repaired. You may conceive the spirits of these ancient fortresses bemoaning with each other the passing away of the good old times when fire and plunder used to rage around them.

But of those old times we can say with thankfulness that we are well free at anyrate of their violence, and pray for the day when it shall be the same the world around.

You may have read the other day of that Yarmouth citizen, of the ripe age of sixty-five or so, who received medals and a purse of gold "for saving the lives of two Scotsmen who at different times fell into the river." I don't know whether the quaint wording of the news item is meant to suggest that our countrymen make a habit of falling into rivers, neither can one say whether perhaps it occurred to anybody to think that the gallant rescuer was old enough to have known better.

But it did occur to me that times have changed in England since the days when it was counted meritorious to diminish the number of stern and wild Caledonians, rather than to snatch them from destruction.

There was a time when big prices were set upon the heads of William Wallace, Robert Bruce and many another, but now, if you want decoration and a cumshaw all you have to do is to lift any odd Northerner out of whatever stream he may have slipped into in the course of his avocations or enjoyments.

In all seriousness these gallant deeds, telegraphed in such curious terms around the earth, do remind us that when it comes to the pinch the common humanity outweighs all surface differences. When your heart is stirred by a brother's need you don't stop to ask if he can pronounce Shibboleth or whether he would call a cairn of stones Galeed or Jegar-Sahadutha.

Things of the Past.

These extremes of tribalism and racialism have more than had their day. They belong to the past, and the sooner they are finally displaced by the rising tide of our common humanity coming to its own in Jesus Christ its Head the better for all men's good and God's great glory.

Love of country remains and always will, a worthy element in the make up of every good citizen of the world. Mr. Lloyd George uttered a caution not unneeded in some quarters when he said lately, "Don't imagine you can substitute a sloppy internationalism for love of country." We agree heartily: if we did not agree there would be no Scottish Company of Volunteers mustered here this Sabbath morning. But that exists as part of a larger corps, proud of its place in the general ranks of our citizen soldiery and glad to offer its national spirit and traditions in the service of the free flag which floats over us all.

The service concluded with the National Anthem, after which the Volunteers marched back to headquarters where, as already stated, they were the guests of Mr. R. M. Dyer, Chieftain of the St. Andrew's Society.

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WINTER PROGRAMME.

The winter programme of the Y.M.C.A. is now in full swing, and all the various organisations have their many activities well mapped out. Reports of the different meetings must, of necessity, be condensed, with the resulting lack of adequate information. The omission is not a serious one to those who find it worth while to attend the various functions, but to others, who, from a variety of causes, cannot attend, such as the many sea-going members, it constitutes a definite lack.

"It is partly to supply this need that the Y.M.C.A. is publishing "The Red Triangle" a monthly magazine, which will be the official organ of the Association. Arrangements are in hand, and it is hoped that the first number will be published in January.

A Circulation Committee has been formed, and Messrs. D. Tollan and J. Gardner have been appointed to look after the interests of those members who do not reside in the building. Mr. Ingram will be in charge of the sea-going sphere, while Messrs. A. MacArthur and W. R. Greenhalgh will be responsible for resident members.

Further developments will be reported upon as they occur. Meanwhile the Circulation Committee will be pleased to hear of those willing to take out a six months' subscription of $1.50.

Last Thursday the Literary and Debating Club held its first debate, of the season and this proved to be a great success.

The first Ramble of the Camera Club took place on Saturday last, around Blacks Link. The day was ideal for walking, but the light made photography difficult. It is hoped to arrange a further expedition on Saturday week.

Next Saturday the newly formed "Flying Y" will hold its inaugural run round the New Territory. Any Members of the Y.M.C.A. and their friends are invited and a start will be made from the building at 2.15 p.m. A stop will be made for tea at the Cafeteria, Castle Peak.

The second Ldies' Night will be held on Thursday, at 9 p.m., and as mentioned last week the Y.M. Nigger troup, or as they prefer to be called, "The White Coons" will appear for the first time. The Dramatic Society will present a short sketch, entitled "Coffee, black," which will be on lines rather different from the usual type of playlet.

Sports Progress.

The Study Circle this week will deal with the "Growth of the Priesthood, and the rise of Prophecy." This will take place on Wednesday, December 1, at 6.30.

The Sports Committee are arranging a series of competitive games to be held on Friday nights, at the back of the building. Matches are being fixed up between teams for volley ball, basket ball, and baseball. Members wishing to participate are asked to be present on Monday and Friday nights at 6 p.m. Further information will be given by any member of the Committee, or the Secretaries.

A football match has been arranged for Thursday next. Last Thursday the Y.M.C.A. played the Club "A," at hockey, and lost by 2 goals to nil.

Last night the Secretary, Mr. J. H. Hunt, gave an address on "Saints in Caesar's Household."
—*Contributed.*

EMPIRE PREMIERS.

MR. STANLEY BALDWIN ON THE RESULTS.

THE KING AND CANADA.

Rugby, Nov. 27.

At a farewell dinner to Dominion Premiers last night the King's acknowledgment of the Imperial Conference address of loyalty and fidelity to the Crown was read by the British Premier who presided.

The King has followed with close interest the proceedings of the conference and in his message said: "I am convinced that its labours have afforded, not only to members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, but to the world at large a better understanding and clearer vision of what the British Empire means and of the ideals for which it stands."

Mr. Baldwin said that although he regretted the departure of the Dominion delegates, it would be a constant source of inspiration to him to feel that while bearing their great responsibilities in different parts of the world, he and they were working in the same spirit to one common end. Contrary to the opinion of those who believed the Empire would fall to pieces in 1914, it had survived the Great War and what ensured survival was the element of freedom throughout the Empire. They emerged from the war transformed. Great Britain was no longer isolated. Science had decreed that Britain was for all time an intergral part of Europe. The Dominions emerged matured to man's estate and conscious of their manhood with its privileges and obligations. That fact had been acknowledged in an historical document on Inter-Imperial Relations. They had published to the world their conception of the status of communities which comprised the British Empire.

The Future.

Looking to the future he said that the lines of development must be those of more perfect co-operation. If co-operation among their peoples could not be achieved, it meant ultimately the bankruptcy of civilisation. By co-operation and by common allegiance to the Crown, they could best render service to the whole world. They laid no stress on independence. They laid stress on co-operation. If they could make the bounds of freedom in the world yet wider, and faithfully discharge their responsibilities to civilisation then indeed the Empire could be justified to the world to-day and to posterity.

Mr. Mackenzie King said that with Mr. Baldwin's speech the conference passed into history and would be remembered as one of the most important ever held. Their sojourn in London had made the Dominion Premiers, conscious as never before of how completely the great structure of Empire rested in political institutions which had their common origin in the ancient Parliament at Westminster.

Canada's Pride.

Speaking for Canada, he declared their pride in the conference. The achievements of the conference, would lie not in what had been gained but rather in what had been attained and was now no longer open to debate. It would be greater in that this acknowledgment was made without a dissenting voice. The Charter of liberties they individually and collectively enjoyed might to appearances have been enlarged. In Great Britain there had been a natural development along inevitable lines. The conference had succeeded in creating a harmony which was already reverberating round the world.

General Hertzog has already returned to South Africa and owing to engagements in Scotland the Australian Premier, Mr. Bruce, was unable to attend the banquet. Speeches in which emphasis was laid on the need for future co-operation within the Empire were also made by the New Zealand Premier, Mr. Coates, and the Newfoundland Premier, Mr. Monroe, and by the Maharajah of Burdwan.

On July 1 next, during the celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of the Confederation of Canada fifty-three bells composing a carillon in the tower of Ottawa Parliament Buildings will be rung for the first time.

It is hoped that His Majesty may set the bells ringing by pressing a button in London and if in the meantime developments of wireless telephony permit that peal will be broadcast throughout the Empire.

New York, November 28.—Eighty dead have now been identified who lost their lives as a result of the tornado in Arkansas. The Red Cross is undertaking extensive relief.—Reuter's American Service.

EMPIRE AIRWAYS.

A SECOND HUGE AIRSHIP SHED?

DOMINIONS DEVELOPMENTS.

Rugby, Nov. 28.

The Air Ministry contemplates the construction of a second huge airship shed at Cardington. The one now being built will accommodate the R101, and the new shed is designed for the second State airship which is being built for the Government by a private firm. Both vessels will be completed by the end of next year.

The only shed in the Empire comparable in size to those at Cardington is now nearing completion at Karachi, in India. In view of Imperial Conference discussions, it is expected that Canada's lead in erecting suitable mooring masts for new airships will be followed by the other Dominions. — British Wireless Service.

8-HOUR DAY.

GERMAN TRADE UNIONS' PEACE.

Bochum, Nov. 27.

Evidently in anticipation of a fight for the trade bound to follow the British coal settlement the rival Trade Unions in the Rhenish-Westphalian industrial districts have sunk their differences and a speedy resumption of an eight-hours' day, has been enthusiastically advocated at numerous meetings. It is a striking commentary on the manner in which the workers have studied and grasped the principles of economic production that the Unions without exception agree to the re-introduction of an eight-hours' day which will create work and result in the absorption of numerous unemployed.—Reuter.

"LOWEST POSSIBLE."

SPINNERS AND COTTON PRICES.

London, Nov. 27.

The Federation of Master Cotton-Spinners' Associations of Manchester have made a statement claiming that prices of yarn and cloth are now at the lowest possible and that buyers holding back for a further fall are likely to find the market seriously against them.—Reuter.

METHANOL TARIFF.

Washington, Nov. 28.

President Coolidge has increased the tariff on methanol from twelve to eighteen cents a gallon, the maximum possible under the flexible provisions of the tariff law.

It is explained by the White House that imports of methanol have increased from forty-eight gallons in 1924 to 508,000 gallons last year, when for the first time the imports exceeded the exports.—Reuter's American Service.

WORLD THEATRE.

"MY OLD DUTCH" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

This is an exceptional offering. Many of our readers may remember the great Chevalier, who made of this great song a story and an epic of coster sincerity. It is plain London of the virile and undaunted "submerged tenth," so called, living a life all its own.

"My Old Dutch" has been translated to the screen by Lawrence Trimble with a cast, headed by May McAvoy, Pat O'Malley, Cullen Landis and Jean Hersholt, and is one of the pictures of the year. The story, an epic of forty years of married life, literally relives the lives of a devoted couple about whom the story centres, and their son, for whom they sacrifice everything life holds for them except their own steadfast love for each other.

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VESUVIUS ACTIVE.

Rome, Nov. 28.

Mount Vesuvius is again erupting. A cataract of lava is flowing down the northern side. The crater is hurling masses of incandescent material into the air, accompanied by shattering explosions. A the Observatory Professor Malladra states that there is no cause for alarm as it is a yearly phenomenon due to the accumulation of rain-water in the crater.—Reuter.

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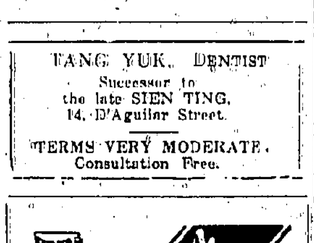

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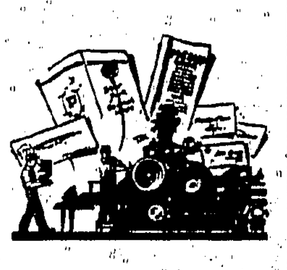

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STOKER NORMAN MORRIS H.M.S. "Hermes"
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E. J. PATERSON,
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Hong Kong, 25th Nov., 1926.

5 WINNERS IN 6.

Mr. Ralph's Success on Saturday.

6TH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

Hall & Shenton Ponies in Good Form.

Saturday's 6th extra race meeting (the last of the season) will be remembered for the outstanding success of Mr. L. P. Ralph as a rider and for the unique record of Messrs. F. C. Hall and W. E. L. Shenton, who, sending out five ponies, won as many races.

Some years ago, Mr. John Johnstone of Jardine's rode at an extra meeting—then called a gymkhana—in which he won all six flat races and was third in a hurdle race through his pony stumbling. If memory is right, "J. J.'s" six is the best.

Other features of the day's racing was the surprise in the St. Andrew's Stakes when Lady Luck, the favourite, failed to get a place. This mare ran in convincing style three weeks ago but this time she lost to ponies which previously finished behind her.

In the Hong Kong Autumn Champions, Saligia repeated his victory of last year.

Although one stable monopolised the honours, favourites did not have their way throughout. Several "ran nowhere" with the result that the pari-mutuel dividends were fairly satisfactory.

Fields fluctuated from nine to three, even the ladies taking a keen interest in the paddock prior to putting their money on a pony.

Season's Honours.

Messrs. Hall and Shenton have won most races (and stakes) this "extra" season, annexing nearly all the big prizes with the exception of the Hong Kong St. Leger.

Of jockeys who are here at present, the list of winning mounts is as follow:—Mr. Ralph 9, Mr. E. A. Brodie 8, Mr. W. T. Stanton 4, Dr. J. C. Macgown 2, Mr. G. U. da Roza 1, Mr. L. Reidy 1.

Mr. Ralph won Lady Severn's Cup easily, this trophy having been awarded by that popular exlady owner to encourage gentlemen riders. The number of points gained by the leaders:—Mr. Ralph 46, Mr. Stanton 23, Mr. Reidy 19, Mr. Cobbold (who has left the Colony) 12, Dr. Macgown 10, Lt.-Comdr. Grant, R.N. 9.

Cash Sweep Results.

The numbers of the winning tickets in the cash sweep are given with the amounts of the respective prizes.

Drawers of unplaced starters get $50 each except where stated.

Race I.

No. 453	$819.70
„ 275	234.20
„ 240	117.10

Unplaced Nos.: 336, 196, 477, 97, 242, 345.

Race II.

No. 38	$1,325.80
„ 258	378.80
„ 126	189.40

Unplaced No.: 352.

Race III.

No. 122	$1,488.90
„ 9	425.40
„ 128	212.70

Unplaced Nos.: 226, 8.

Race IV.

No. 366	$3,180.10
„ 456	908.60
„ 251	454.30

Unplaced Nos. ($100 each): 229, 395.

Race V.

No. 11	$1,775.20
„ 460	507.20
„ 510	253.60

Unplaced Nos.: 639, 486, 545, 215.

Race VI.

No. 563	$1,715.70
„ 450	490.20
„ 158	245.10

Unplaced Nos.: 323, 7.

Race VII.

No. 112	$2,066.40
„ 169	590.40
„ 615	295.20

1.—**Glasgow Handicap: "B" class: six furlongs.** — For China ponies. Entrance $5. 1st prize: $400. 2nd prize: $150. 3rd prize: $100.

Mrs. Bernard's Barley Grass, 150 lbs. .....(Mr. Brodie) 1
Mr. Alargus's Arabian Parrot, 148 lbs. ....(Mr. da Roza) 2
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Rechabite, 145 lbs. .....(Mr. Stanton) 3
Mrs. R. M. Austin's Grey Streak, 145 lbs. (Mr. Ralph) 4
Also ran: Demon Boy, 160 lbs. (Mr. Sewell); Rayfield, 156 lbs. (Mr. Seth); Fireworks, 154 lbs. (Mr. Gordon); Craigavad, 152 lbs. (Mr. Sherman); Blotting Paper, 144 lbs. (Mr. Reidy).
A neck, 3 lengths.
Time: 1.35.1/5.
Pari-mutuel:—

Winner	$ 7.50
Place 1st	5.80
2nd	11.50
3rd	16.40

	Win	Place
Barley Grass	323	372
Grey Streak	123	191
Blotting Paper	31	26
Arabian Parrot	21	47
Dermon Boy	20	28
Rechabite	13	27
Craigavad	4	3
Fireworks	3	3
Rayfield	2	6

In the biggest field of the day, Barley Grass was made favourite and Mr. Brodie just managed to win. But the dividend was very poor.

After some delay the nine ponies got away to a straggling start. Arabian Parrot shot out from Blotting Paper, Barley Grass and Rechabite. The second favourite, Grey Streak, was badly left but had run into third place after 1½ furlongs. This effort was short-lived as Grey Streak receded on rounding the last bend.

At the distance post, Barley Grass drew up with Arabian Parrot. Both under the whip, they finished in exciting fashion, the Parrot (on the rails) losing by a neck.

Further back, Rechabite beat Grey Streak for place money with the others spread out.

2.—**Lanark Handicap: one mile.** —For China ponies. Entrance $5. 1st prize: $400. 2nd prize: $150. 3rd prize: $100.

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Gnome, 146 lbs. .....(Mr. Ralph) 1
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Dobbin, 153 lbs. .....(Mr. Brodie) 2
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Rannoch, 143 lbs. .....(Mr. Reidy) 3
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Beldorney Star, 145 lbs. ...(owner) 4
3 lengths, 4 lengths.
Time: 2.08.2/5.
Pari-mutuel:—

Winner	$27.40
Place 1st	7.20
2nd	5.40

	Win	Place
Dobbin	540	308
The Gnome	130	55
Loch Rannoch	105	78
Beldorney Star	18	18

Although making most of the running, Dobbin (the favourite) disappointed. The Gnome lay handy until at the entrance to the straight when Mr. Ralph took him ahead to win handsomely.

From a level start, Loch Rannoch and Beldorney Star were kept in the rear by several lengths. The former was asked for a late effort but failed to get on terms, Dobbin running on—after being passed by The Gnome—to retain second place.

The Star was a poor fourth. When the four ponies began to close up at the last bend the result was still open but The Gnome shot round to take the lead and was not extended.

3.—**Glasgow Handicap: "A" class: six furlongs.** — For China ponies. Entrance $5. 1st prize: $400. 2nd prize: $150. 3rd prize: $100

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Gomeril, 146 lbs. .....(Mr. Ralph) 1
Mr. R. M. Austin's Home Call, 164 lbs. (Lt.-Comdr. Grant) 2
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Rothesay, 144 lbs. .....(Mr. Reidy) 3
Mr. W. T. Stanton's The Sandpiper, 155 lbs. (owner) 4
Also ran: The Regent, 157 lbs. (Mr. Brodie).
4 lengths, a neck.
Time: 1.33.3/5.
Pari-mutuel:—

Winner	$11.00
Place 1st	9.40
2nd	14.50

	Win	Place
The Gomeril	382	213
The Sandpiper	322	313
The Regent	122	105
Home Call	88	99
Rothesay	27	37

Betting in this race was fairly open with the ultimate winner in most demand. However, The Sandpiper carried most tickets for place money.

Although The Gomeril won with ease at the end, the race was full of interest all the way.

First of all, The Regent had the lead. Next were The Sandpiper, The Gomeril, Home Call and Rothesay. Several changes took place after passing the Black Rock. Rothesay moved up and The Sandpiper displaced The Regent.

Into the straight, The Gomeril made a burst. Home Call also came along with a nice run. From first, The Sandpiper fell back to third and was subsequently beaten by Rothesay in the last 50 yards. The Regent was not in the picture after the 2 mile post.

Once in the van, The Gomeril remained there and won comfortably.

4.—**St. Andrew's Stakes: one and a half miles.**—$400 with a cup presented. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 5 lbs. penalty of two races 7 lbs. penalty of three or more races 10 lbs. penalty. Unplaced runners during 1926 and subscription griffins of 1926 allowed 5 lbs. Jockey allowance. Entrance $5. 2nd prize: $150. 3rd prize: $100.

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Goblin, 168 lbs. .....(Mr. Ralph) 1
Mr. R. M. Austin's Brigade Call, 163 lbs. (Mr. Gordon) 2
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Total Abstinence, 158 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 3
Mr. Roda's Lady Luck, 163 lbs. .....(Mr. da Roza) 4
Also ran: Attaboy (late Fantastic Dahlia) 168 lbs. (Mr. Seth).
1½ lengths, 1½ lengths.
Time: 3.16.3/5.
Pari-mutuel:—

Winner	$21.80
Place 1st	12.20
2nd	59.60

	Win	Place
Lady Luck	458	289
Attaboy	237	135
The Goblin	212	150
Total Abstinence	108	81
Brigade Call	20	20

The two best backed ponies in the "big race" finished last!

Lady Luck was obviously off colour and began to fall back after covering half the distance. She was first away from the fall of the flag but The Goblin overhauled her soon afterwards. Attaboy was in a good position, third; Brigade Call was fourth and Total Abstinence brought up the rear.

Passing the post for the first time, Attaboy ran in company with The Goblin, with the mare going back to the other two.

Going up the incline, Lady Luck dropped back further. Brigade Call gradually moved up and almost caught The Goblin at the ¼ mile post. The latter ran on again and was not seriously challenged.

Total Abstinence improved up the straight but did not look like reaching Brigade Call. Attaboy was out of the race and finished last to Lady Luck who was a bad fourth.

Supporters of Brigade Call, for a place, received the best dividend of the day—$59.60.

5.—**Gorbals Plate: Three furlongs.**—For bona fide polo ponies approved by the committee of the Hong Kong Polo Club. To be ridden by playing members of the Polo Club. Catch-weights 168 lbs. Entrance $3. 1st prize: $200. 2nd prize: $100 3rd prize: $50.

Reynolds .....(Mr. Stanton) 1
Black Mouse ...(Mr. Maude) 2
District Call ...(Mr. Gordon) 3
Hailsham (Lt.-Comdr. Grant) 4
Also ran: Bill (Mr. Scott-Elliot); Inkpot (Mr. Bousfield); Monte Caman (Mr. Abel-Smith).
4 lengths, 3 lengths.
Time: 46.4/5.
Pari-mutuel:—

Winner	$ 9.00
Place 1st	6.10
2nd	7.90
3rd	10.50

	Win	Place
Reynolds	181	250
Hailsham	85	148
Black Mouse	46	96
Bill	21	42
District Call	15	51
Inkpot	9	27
Monte Caman	9	16

Once more Reynolds justified the reliance placed on him in this event but surprised his supporters by paying as much as $9 for a win. From the start, he made the pace and won all the way.

District Call came along with a convincing rush at the end to displace the second favourite, Hailsham, for third place.

Up the straight, Black Mouse was second and ran on to stay in that position.

6.—**Gallowgate Plate: about 1 mile, 165 yards.** — For China ponies, griffins of 1926 that have started in at least one race in Hong Kong previous to this meeting. W.I. Winners of two races 5 lbs. extra; of three or more races 10 lbs. extra. Non-winners allowed 5 lbs. Subscription griffins of this season allowed 5 lbs. J.A. Entrance $5. 1st prize: $400. 2nd prize: $150. 3rd prize: $100.

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Geezer, 158 lbs. .....(Mr. Ralph) 1
Dr. J. C. Macgown's Sunburst Rose, 154 lbs. .....(owner) 2
Mr. R. J. Paterson's Dobbin, 163 lbs. ....(Mr. Brodie) 3
Mr. H. Birkett's The Golden Pheasant, 143 lbs. .....(Mr. Reidy) 4
Also ran: Craigavad, 154 lbs. (Mr. Sewell).
Short head, 1½ lengths.
Time: 2.24.1/5.
Pari-mutuel:—

Winner	$16.20
Place 1st	7.80
2nd	7.20

	Win	Place
Sunburst Rose	394	271
The Geezer	252	213
Dobbin	204	217
The Golden Pheasant	52	90
Craigavad	6	21

This race produced the best finish. The Geezer and Sunburst Rose fighting out the issue in the last ¼ mile.

Second favourite equally with The Geezer, Dobbin made the running until the foot of the incline when Sunburst Rose (favourite) passed him. Rounding the last bend, Sunburst Rose led from The Geezer by 2 lengths.

These two were level all the way up the straight. Both jockeys had their whips up and The Geezer's victory by a short head must be attributed to superior jockeyship.

Dobbin plodded on to retain third by a narrow margin from The Golden Pheasant who was full of ruuing at the end. Craigavad was a bad last all the way.

7.—**Hong Kong Autumn Champions: one and a quarter miles.** —For China ponies that have started at any extra meeting during 1926. W.I. Entrance $10. 1st prize: $500. 2nd prize: $200. 3rd prize: $100.

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's Saligia, 155 lbs. .....(Mr. Ralph) 1
Mr. R. J. Paterson's September, 149 lbs. ...(Mr. Brodie) 2
Mr. R. M. Austin's Grey Knight, 155 lbs. .....(Lt.-Comdr. Grant) 3
Many lengths, many lengths.
Time: 2.37.3/5.
Pari-mutuel:—

Winner	$5.50
Place 1st	5.40

	Win	Place
Saligia	535	123
Grey Knight	68	15
September	59	11

Instead of doing an exercise gallop, Saligia put up a good time, the official return being 32, 1.02.1, 1.34.2, 2.07.2, 2.37.3. Had the opposition proved dangerous, the champion might have done even better.

He led from start to finish and ran his own race.

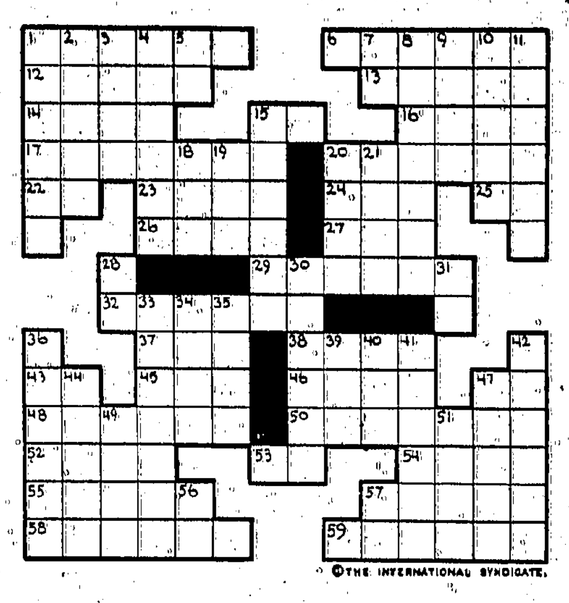
Grey Knight and September went out for the second and third prize money, the former getting just a shade more support than the latter.

As it was, Mr. Brodie was satisfied to let Grey Knight keep a few lengths in front until after the distance post when he easily passed him.

Grey Knight ran a poor third, and was eased up before the winning post was reached.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

1—Like a cat
6—Agile
12—In the midst of
13—A city, N. W. Italy
14—Glass with curved surfaces
15—Musical note
16—Shallow place in a stream
17—The recipient of a legacy
20—Life of notable achievement
22—Conjunction
23—Slightly pinched
24—S. State of U. S. (abbr.)
25—Prefix. Again
26—To discharge
27—A Brazilian coin
29—Not visible or apparent
32—Small edible shell-fish
37—Prefix. Bad
38—Makes by tatting
43—Tiberius (abbr.)
45—A pastry
46—Combining form. Air

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

47—Manganese (chem. sym.)
48—Any bearer of news
50—An insect
52—Any protecting power
53—A day of the week (abbr.)
54—A barrel, as of herrings
55—Spruce
57—Girl's name
58—Contemptuous insinuations
59—Land covered with trees

VERTICAL

1—Uncultivated
2—A Turkish official
3—To have an eager craving
4—Irrational
5—"No good" (abbr.)
7—Pronoun
8—A disease of cattle
9—A kind of cheese
10—A life-prisoner (slang)
11—Admission (French)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

15—To cause to become fixed
18—Man's name (short)
19—Prefix. Above
20—A two-wheeled vehicle
21—To the lee side
28—Short for "Albert"
30—To join
31—Toward
33—To load thickly with colors (Paint.)
34—Armor
35—Supplicated
36—A city in Greece
39—Combining form. Air
40—Prefix. Three
41—A kind of football game
42—Alm
44—Started
47—People of an ancient empire in Persia
49—A religious ceremony
51—A variety of cabbage
56—A time period (abbr.)
57—Interjection

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.

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HALL MURDER CASE.

ACCUSED WIDOW GIVES EVIDENCE.

NO SUSPICION.

Somerville, Nov. 28.

In the Hall murder trial, Mrs. Hall, dressed completely in black, formally denied any participation in the crime.

Replying to questions, she testified that the dead woman, Mrs. Mills, was formerly one of her Sunday School pupils.

Mr. Hall was seven years younger than his wife. The relations of the couple to the time of his death were absolutely cordial. She had no suspicion of any affair with Mrs. Mills, and had never seen any letters or heard any gossip reflecting on the Rector.

The relations of her husband with her brother Willie were also most friendly.—Reuter's American Service.

MORE HOUSES NOW.

London, Nov. 28.

In view of the good progress made in overtaking the housing arrears, the gradual diminution of the amount of state assistance for house building has been decided upon by the Government until ultimately the subsidies now in force will totally disappear. The Ministry of Health to-day states that the first diminution will apply to houses not completed by October next.—British Wireless Service.

The Hague, Nov. 27.—M. Van Redenburch, the Netherlands Minister at Brussels, will succeed Dr Van Reoyen as Minister at Rome when the latter departs for Washington in February.—Reuter.

Li Shou-chi, former Shanghai District Magistrate, has returned to Shanghai, having visited Nanking.

Brussel, November 27.—The death is announced of the American, Mr. John Moses Browning, inventor of the famous automatic pistol.—Reuter.

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SANTOS MARU ..... Sunday, 5th December.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
SHUNKO MARU (Calls at Karuchi) Saturday, 4th December.
TACOMA MARU ..... Tuesday, 7th December.
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MEXICO MARU ..... Wednesday, 22nd December.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
BINGO MARU ..... Saturday, 25th December.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon
SEKKOW MARU ..... Tuesday, 30th November.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
ARIZONA MARU (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 14th December.
HAIPHONG—via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
TAIKWA MARU ..... Friday, 10th December.
MENADO MARU ..... Friday, 24th December.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
Hamburg Maru ..... (From Kobe) Wednesday, 15th December.
JAPAN PORTS
HONOLULU MARU ..... Saturday, 11th December.
ATLAS MARU ..... Sunday, 12th December.
SEATTLE MARU ..... Friday, 24th December.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.
HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 5th December, 10 a.m.
MENADO MARU ..... Saturday, 11th December.
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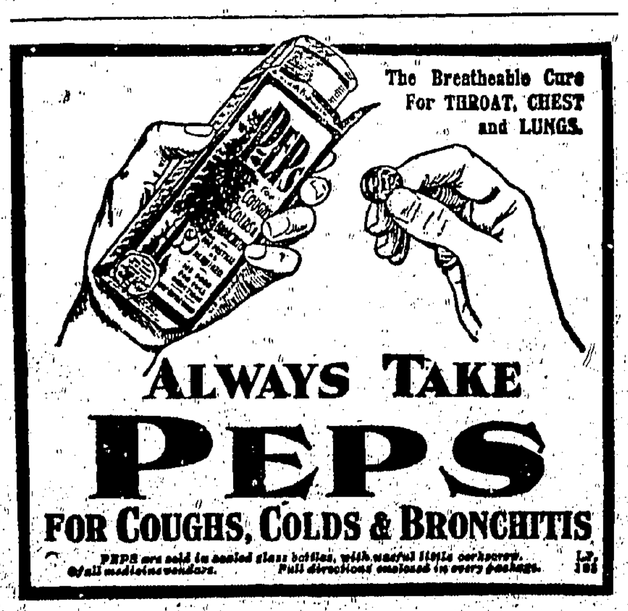

SHIPPING SECTION.

A TOTAL LOSS.

BLAZING STEAMER'S FATE SEALED.

ALL HANDS SAVED.

Colombo, Nov. 28.

The British steamer "Ayrshire," from Brisbane to London, is afire and the opinion is held that she will be a constructive total loss. All hands have been saved.—Reuter.

WHITE STAR LINE.

AGAIN UNDER BRITISH CONTROL.

Rugby, Nov. 28.

The whole of the share capital of the White Star Line has been acquired by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.

The purchasers state that the transfer of shares in no way affects the continuity of the White Star Line, its organisation and its agency arrangements.

The newspapers understand that the purchase price is about £7,000,000, and they point out that the importance of the announcement lies in the fact that the White Star Line again comes under British control.—British Wireless Service.

London, Nov. 28.

The Royal Mail Steam Packet announces that arrangements have been concluded for the purchase of the whole share capital of the White Star Line from January 1, 1927. The International Mercantile Company has confirmed the announcement and added that the transfer of the shares will not affect the continuity of the White Star organisation.—Reuter.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following seagoing arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:—

Tilawa (6153) Brit., from Osaka and Amoy; M. M. & Co.
Kiukiang (12289) Brit., from Tientsin; B. & S.
Mingsang (969) Brit., from Haiphong and Hoihow; J. M.
Hanoi (739) French, from Haiphong; M. M.
West Niger (3517) American, from Portland and Manila; Columbia Pacific.
Eiger (875) Norwegian, from Canton; Karten, Larssen.
Clara Jebsen (1145) Danish; from Singapore and Foochow; Kwong Nguan Seng.
Sekkow Maru (1946) Jap., from Moji; O. S. K.
Tamba Maru (3570) Jap., from Bombay and Singapore; N. Y. K.
Malacca Maru (3210) Jap., from Calcutta and Singapore; N. Y. K.
Hydrangea (561) Brit., from Fort Bayard; Chiu On S. S. Co.

Departures.

For Manila: President Jackson.
For Canton: Kotsu Maru.
For Swatow: Yingchow, Svale.

Clearances.

For Shanghai: Siberia Maru.
For Canton: Bintang.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British	36
American	2
German	2
Panama	1
Japanese	4
Chinese	19
Dutch	4
Portuguese	3
French	1
Danish	2
Norwegian	2
Total	76

Colon, Nov. 28.—The American naval seaplane has arrived at the Isle of Pines.—Reuter's American Service.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

The B.I. steamer "Tilawa" arrived yesterday afternoon from Osaka and Amoy with 3 first-cabin and 377 steerage passengers, 1,275 tons of general cargo and 11 bags of mail. Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. will despatch her for Calcutta via Singapore and Penang on Thursday at noon with passengers, cargo and mail.

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On Thursday morning, the s.s. "Tanda" is expected to arrive here from Japan. She is en route to Australia via Manila and will sail on Dec. 4 with passengers, cargo and mail.

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With 2,000 tons of coal and livestock for discharge here, the s.s. "Phranang" arrived last night from Hongay and Hoihow. She will be despatched later for Hongay.

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The local office of the C.P.R. has been advised that the R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Shanghai this morning for Hong Kong and is due to arrive here on Wednesday at noon with passengers, cargo, and mail from the United States and Canada. The "Asia" will sail for Manila on Dec. 2.

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From Haiphong and Hoihow, the s.s. "Mingsang" of the Indo-China S.N. Co. arrived yesterday evening with 1,370 tons of cargo and 6 bags of mail. She will be despatched for Haiphong and Hoihow on Dec. 2.

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The N.Y.K. steamer "Tamba Maru" arrived last night with 252 steerage passengers and 320 tons of general cargo from Bombay and Singapore. She will be despatched for Japan to-morrow at noon.

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With 1,500 tons of general cargo and 2 bags of mail the s.s. "Kuikiang" of the China Navigation Co., Ltd. arrived this morning from Tientsin and Hoihow.

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The N.Y.K. steamer "Malacca Maru" will sail this afternoon for Moji direct. She arrived yesterday and brought 911 tons of cotton goods for discharge here.

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With 243 steerage passengers and 130 tons of general merchandise, th British steamer "Hydrangea" arrived here this morning from Fort Bayard.

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Cargo consisting of 242 tons of salt fish and matches were brought here by the O.S.K. steamer "Sekkow Maru" from Moji and Nogoya. She is en route to Bangkok via Saigon and will sail to-morrow.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Among the passengers who left Hong Kong on November 29 for Shanghai and San Francisco per s.s. "Siberia Maru" were:—

Mr. S. S. Perry, Mr. L. Ryssin, Mr. J. Siddle, Mrs. H. T. Tong, Miss Tong, Dr. S. F. Zee, Mr. A. Vieira-Ribeiro, Mr. S. G. Kirkland, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Kirk, Miss M. W. Kirk, Master D. L. Kirk, Mr. F. Kirk, Mr. F. Kilian, Mr. F. X. Guerreiro, Mr. W. A. White, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Porterfield, Miss V. Miller, Mr. G. Adams, Mrs. I. Adams, Mr. A. B. Jamieson, Mrs. L. Swim, Mr. A. Lim.

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NEW LIGHTHOUSE.

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Construction of the lighthouse on Tubataha reef will begin this week, says the "Manila Bulletin" of November 16. With 90 labourers and mechanics, together with equipment and supplies, the cable-ship "Bustamante" will sail on Thursday to initiate the work which is so important to all shipping which navigates the Sulu Sea, and which it is hoped will prevent the recurrence of wrecks like that of the "Egremont Castle" in July, 1925.

Construction will be under the supervision of Engineer Island. The first project to be undertaken upon arriving at the reef will be the erection of a radio station to serve the workers. A motor launch and lifeboats will be left on the reef by the "Bustamante."

Erection of the keepers' house will be started before that of the lighthouse tower, which will be 120 feet high. The "Bustamante" will carry sand, gravel, cement, sanitary supplies and everything necessary to supply the workers. It is estimated that construction will require about four months.

BERMUDA SERVICE.

The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company is increasing its New York-Bermuda service this season by adding the Avon to the run. She will alternate with the "Araguaya," the ships maintaining two sailings a week after the first of January. The "Araguaya" will commence operation on December 11 and the other ship will be withdrawn from the Southampton-South American service to fill the "Bermuda" run shortly thereafter. Coincident with this it was stated that the Royal Mail has ordered five new 15,000-ton passenger liners for the London-South America service.

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 19	July 22	July 31

(E)Asia and E/Russia call Nagasaki day after departure from Shanghai)

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DOCKING CHARGES.

APPORTIONMENT PRINCIPLE ENFORCED.

When it was suggested to the Admiralty Court, in the case of the "Royal Fusilier," that the Registrar, in apportioning docking charges, had followed a *mere obiter*, Mr. Dumas, for the appellants, the owners of the Frederik VIII.," urged that this apportionment had the effect of making the plaintiffs better off in this respect than they would have been without the collision.

The "Royal Fusilier," of Leith, was in collision with the "Frederick VIII," of Copenhagen, in the Thames on August 23, 1924, and the owners of the "Frederik VIII," a vessel of 11,850 tons, brought an action in the Admiralty Court. The vessel was taking passengers from London to Copenhagen, and received severe damage on the starboard side in the way of No. 3 hatch. In February of last year the defendants admitted liability for the collision, and the matter went to the Registrar upon damages. The defendants were not satisfied with the Registrar's report, and appealed from it to Mr. Justice Bateson in the Admiralty Court.

Registrar's Reasons.

The following are the Registrar's reasons for his report. He allowed £2,724 of the £6,517 claimed by the owners of the "Frederik VIII."

The plaintiffs were the owners of the "Frederik VIII.," one of a fleet of Transatlantic liners. She was damaged by a collision with the "Royal Fusilier" on August 23, 1924, was temporarily repaired, but was not permanently repaired till January, 1925. It was admitted that the vessel was then put through her annual overhaul. After the repairs and overhaul were completed the "Frederik VIII." kept her scheduled sailing date. No claim was made for loss of profit, but the expenses of crew, etc., were claimed. This head of claim was abandoned at the reference.

The only head of claim then left was in respect of docking and attendant expenses. The plaintiffs claimed that these should be apportioned, and also that some days of dock rent should be allocated solely to the collision repairs. The defendants contended that there should be no apportionment, and that the plaintiffs should bear the entire cost of this work on the ground that had there been no collision the plaintiffs would have incurred these expenses and were entitled only to be paid damages actually suffered in consequence of the collision; in other words, that the same rule should apply to docking expenses as to time. The question is interesting, but for the purposes of this report, I am of opinion that it is covered by authority. In the "Chekiang" 1925, P. 80, Lord Justice Atkin (at p. 95), "stated that docking was on quite a different footing to loss of time, and that the cost might be apportioned if thought right." Counsel for the defendants argued that this statement of the law was obiter, but it is, however, a judicial statement and must be regarded as governing the present point. There are also earlier decisions to the same effect which it is unnecessary to discuss, having regard to the view I take of the judgment of Lord Justice Atkin. We allocate six days owners work in dry dock, which time, we consider it would take, and accordingly apportion it, and we allocate eight days solely to the collision, and we apportion other expenses attendant on the docking.

Mr. Dumas said the plaintiffs had two items of claims for docking expenses, £678 and £52, and the Registrar had given them, upon these, £533 and £26. By his apportionment of dues the owners were better off, by reason of the collision, by half the cost of putting the vessel into dry dock. The Registrar had allocated more days due to the collision than to the owners' regular overhaul, which took place at the same time. The plaintiffs were to be put in the same financial position as before the collision admittedly, but not in a better position, which Mr. Dumas said was what had happened here. The "Frederik VIII." was one of a regular fleet of passenger steamers plying between Copenhagen and this country, and an annual overhaul was part of the working system of her owners. The collision repairs, which remained to be done after the temporary repairs, were done at the same time as the next overhaul.

Registrar Right.

Mr. Justice Bateson, in his judgment, said he thought the Registrar was right in following Lord Justice Atkin. He himself felt that he was bound by the case of the Haversham Grange and the finding of the Court of Appeal in the Chekiang. He thought the cost of dry-docking and the dock dues had not been improperly allocated by the Registrar. The ship was detained 14 days in dock. For six of those 14 days owners' repairs and collision repairs were being done in her together, and for eight days, it was apparent, the ship repairers were doing collision repairs only. The cost of the six days' repairs, the Registrar divided equally between collision and owners' repairs, adding to the collision products eight days' actual collision repairs, and Mr. Dumas seemed to think that was too much to assign to the collision, because, he thought, on another computation, the owners would have had the ship detained a substantial period for owners' repairs without any collision at all.

It was all a matter of computation. Eight and three made eleven, and putting down eleven days for collision repairs the Registrar apportioned 11-14th of the dock dues to be allowed against the defendants; and that seemed right. He had halved the expenses of the dry-docking where it appeared to be attributable to two causes, and it was unquestionable that the cost of docking and of the dock dues had to be apportioned. It was not open to the Admiralty Court, whatever Mr. Dumas might have to say against the principle, to decide the case in any other way than by following the judgment in the Haversham Grange, and the view expressed by Lord Justice Atkin in the Chekiang. These charges had to be treated as part of the cost of repairs, and the Registrar had dealt with them according to the work indicated. The appeal from his report must be dismissed and the report confirmed.

Leave to appeal was asked for, and granted.

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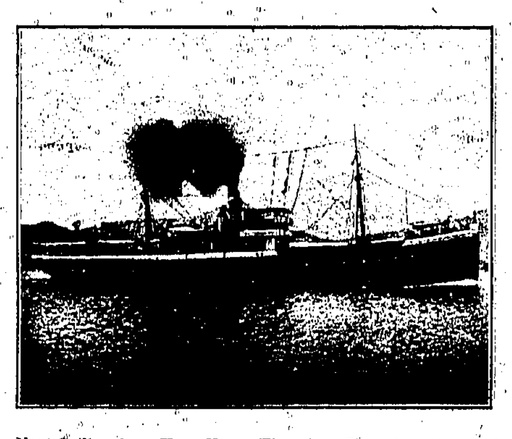

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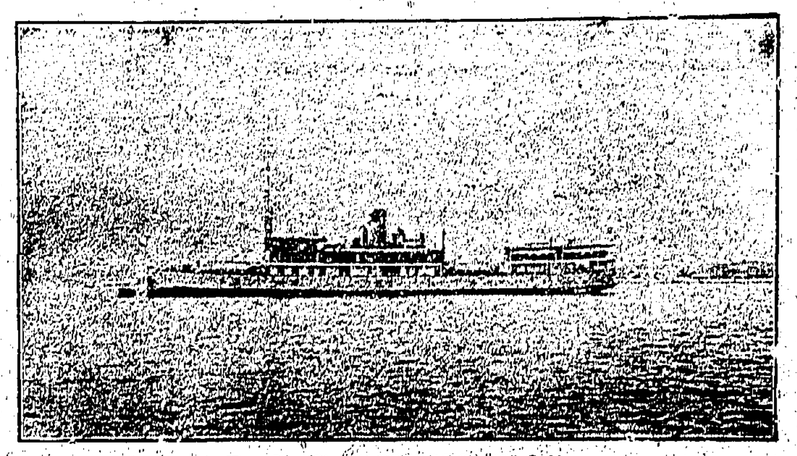

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"EXTRALITY" OPPOSED.

From Peking comes the report of the Extraterritoriality Commission. The Chinese judicial system comes in for severe criticism, hence the report opposes the immediate abolition of extrality. There lies the crux of the whole problem of "extrality." Great Britain has never deliberately rejected the idea of the abolition of "extrality"; but she has been compelled to lay down an unequivocal condition. Thus, in the British Commercial Treaty of September 5, 1902—24 years ago, be it noted!—Article XII states:—

"China having expressed a strong desire to reform her judicial system and to bring it into accord with that of Western nations, Great Britain agrees to give every assistance to such reform, and she will also be prepared to relinquish her extraterritorial rights when she is satisfied that the state of the Chinese laws, the arrangements for their administration, and other considerations warrant her in so doing."

China began in 1907 to reform her judicial system, but no action was taken on the 1902-1903 Treaties with Great Britain, Japan, and the United States. There matters remained until the now famous Washington Convention at the end of 1921. A resolution adopted by that Convention expressly bound the Powers to establish a Commission, whose recommendations, it was hoped, would "assist and further the efforts of the Chinese Government to effect such legislation and judicial reforms as would warrant the seven Powers in relinquishing, either progressively or otherwise, their respective rights of extraterritoriality." Owing to various causes the Commission was not inaugurated until January last. Its work has been hampered, firstly, by railway interruptions due to the civil war; and, secondly, by the refusal of the Canton authorities to permit the Commission to pursue its enquiries in Kwangtung.

The attitude of the Powers does not differ in any material respect from that so deliberately expressed in the Treaties of 1902-1903. No one knows better than the Chinese themselves the pressing need for the reform (this word is carefully included in the Treaties already mentioned) of their judicial system. Indeed, "judicial" system is a misnomer! Reform cannot come from the Powers—that is the duty of China herself to effect. All that the Powers can do is to "assist and further the efforts of the Chinese Government." That they have always been ready to do. But they are still willing to do it. The pity is that their hands must be tied so long as China is disunited and so long as the Powers know not where to find a Chinese Government strong enough to act for the whole nation in establishing courts of law worthy of the name of courts of justice!

The Commissioners make important recommendations relating to non-interference with the judiciary. It urges the adoption of a programme for the improvement of the existing legal, judicial, and prisons systems. It urges the extension of the system of modern courts, prisons, and detention houses. Moreover, pending the abolition of extraterritoriality, the Powers, with the co-operation of the Chinese Government, should make certain modifications in the existing systems and practice of "extrality; and concede the right of "the competent authorities" of the Chinese Government to levy taxes on foreigners.

The Chinese delegates, representing the Peking Government, fail to appreciate the great concessions recommended by the Commission, confine themselves to a mere expression of disappointment that the Commission does not find it expedient to "recommend the immediate abolition of "extrality" owing" to the present conditions of the country. Again it is not within the power of the Commission or of the Powers to improve existing conditions themselves. They can only await steps toward progress and reform being taken by China herself. It is for the Chinese themselves to bring the abolition of "extrality" within the range of practical politics.

"Sunning" Inquiry.

The Government's decision that the "Sunning" inquiry shall be held in private has caused general surprise. The decision is certainly hard to understand. The facts of the attack and the recapture are pretty well-known—if there is any more to tell the public is entitled to hear the details. This right is no mere shadow. The whole community is vitally interested in the problem of piracy. The life, liberty and property of any citizen can easily become involved in the problem through a journey as short as the trip to Canton or Macao. Then there is the wider question of law and order as it affects the whole Colony. Therefore the public has a grievance when it is kept in the dark concerning a matter so important as the "Sunning" inquiry. There is another point which requires comment. The terms of reference instruct the court "to consider the supply of armed guards, the number to be carried and their administration." Had the wording of that clause stopped at "to consider the supply of armed guards," we would have no quarrel with it, looking to the fact that it is a moot point in many minds whether armed guards are of any use at all, but the additional words appear to deprive the court of any discretion in the matter. We hope that this is not the intention and that the scope of the inquiry will cover the whole field.

HAWKERS FINED.

TO-DAY'S POLICE COURT PARADE.

JOBS FOR THE AGED

"Only twelve left when you were arrested would be nearer the truth," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell to a Chinese woman charged with hawking eggs without a licence at the Central Magistracy this morning. Defendant pleaded that she was a stranger from the country, that she did not know the regulations and that she only had twelve eggs. Fined $2.

The next defendant, a Chinese charged with hawking, informed the magistrate that he was only standing outside his shop. "Well confine your activities to its interior in future," retorted His Worship, who fined the defendant $5.

The case in which a woman was charged with selling cigarettes elicited a statement from Sgt. Nolloth to the effect that by agreement between the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, the number of itinerent hawkers of cigarettes was to be cut down by half and confined, as far as possible, to the aged and infirm. The defendant in this case was fined $3.

"You appear to enjoy life in jail. I see you are an old friend—twelve previous convictions," said Mr. Lindsell to the defendant in the next case brought before the Bench. Blood was the commodity dealt in by this unlicensed vendor, who was sent to jail for one month.

The last defendant received some sympathy from His Worship who said that he felt it was a case for investigation. The woman before the Court was a widow with six young children. Observing that the defendant had sufficient money with which to bail herself out at the police station, Mr. Lindsell cautioned the woman.

ARMS CONFISCATED.

The Police applied this morning before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy for the confiscation of 100 rounds of ammunition and a revolver which were found in the crew's quarters of the "President Jackson." No arrests were made. The application was granted.

Two coolies were sentenced to seven days' hard labour each at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for stealing salt fish from the Kowloon Godown where they were employed.

BANKNOTE CASE.

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT IN BOX.

PREVENTING FORGERI. S.

The case was resumed at the Supreme Court this morning in which the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is sued by a Chinese lady who alleges that a genuine $500 note was refused payment.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy (instructed by Mr. W. B. Hind) appears for plaintiff and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) for the defendants.

Mr. G. E. Towns, acting Chief Accountant of the Bank, was called this morning by Mr. Potter. He spoke to 22 years' banking experience, and in reply to Mr. Potter said that he could not say that the note as presented to the bank and mounted for the purposes of the case was a genuine one.

[It will be recalled that the evidence of the plaintiff was that the note was in the pocket of a garment which was washed and ironed and that when discovered it was only possible to put together certain pieces, others having been reduced to pulp.]

Mr. Towns, in the course of today's evidence, said that he could not be sure that all the portions as produced were all portions of the same note. They might be portions of more than one. It was really impossible to say whether the bottom portion of the extracted pieces might belong to one and the upper to another.

Witness added that although he thought they were, he could not definitely swear that the signatures on the recovered parts of the note were the signatures of Mr. V. M. Grayburn or Mr. Maybie.

A "Fine Art."

In reply to Mr. Potter's question as to whether many ingenious attempts were made at forging banknotes, not only those of the defendants, but banknotes generally, witness said that this was so. Modern forgery had been brought to a fine art. That being so, it was essential, for identifying notes, that the Bank should have the date and numbers of notes. [These were missing from the note as presented.]

Apart from his official capacity, added witness, he would not as a private citizen, accept a note unless it bore the Bank's number.

Questioned further with regard to security the Bank had to give to the Government for notes issued, witness said that they had a certain amount of free security after which they had to pay dollar for dollar for every note issued. There was a tax of 1 per cent. per annum on notes in circulation.

Mr. Towns produced books dealing with the methods of accounting of the Bank and the manner in which the number of notes outstanding was ascertained by means of serial numbers. Under the present system of accounting, the Bank, if they paid out on this note or any note without the number and date, could not write it off the books. Neither could they get the money back from the Government.

"Change The Whole System."

Mr. Potter: I understand that the Bank made enquiries from the Colonial Treasurer as to its position and was informed that the Government would only refund money on unidentified notes if the Bank changed the whole system of accounting and opened a Suspense fund for such.

Witness: I was not present at the conversations.

Asked what the note issue in the Colony was, witness said that, including the notes of the three issuing banks, it was approximately $50,000,000, that of the Chartered Bank being approximately $16,000,000 and of the Mercantile, $1,600,000. Silver dollars were used very little as currency, which was almost entirely in bank notes. The receipts of silver dollars at the Bank averaged less than a thousand daily, and these were chiefly from the Tramway Company and from the Treasury. When received by the Bank, they were not released into currency but were used as reserves against bank note issue.

Mr. Towns Cross-Examined.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, witness said that it might not always be the practice at the Hong Kong Bank to take numbers of notes when changed and compare them with lists of lost notes with which the shroffs were supplied. It was obviously impossible in all cases.

Mr. Fitzroy: With regard to your suggestion that these pieces of paper might come from different notes, do you seriously suggest that a man would tear up, say, half a dozen $500 notes in order to make up this patchwork quilt?

Witness reiterated that it was impossible to identify all the pieces. Some might be scraps of another denomination, they were so discoloured.

Mr. Fitzroy put it to witness that, assuming it was found by the court that the note was genuine, the Bank could deduct that amount from the amount in circulation and no yearly interest need be paid on it.

Witness did not agree that this was practicable.

Re-examined by Mr. Potter, Mr. Towns said that it was not infrequent for notes to be presented at the Bank without numbers. On an average, they might have as many as one a week. The practice was always to refuse payment.

A New Aspect.

This concluded the evidence before the court, but His Honour commented on a change in the aspect of the case which had taken place since last hearing. The only point at issue then had been whether a "material" change had been made in a genuine note. Since then, the genuineness of the note had been challenged by Mr. Towns. The plaintiffs, on the assumption that this point would not be raised, had not proved the genuineness of those parts of the note which had been produced, the onus of which was on them.

Mr. Potter suggested that, although the onus was on the plaintiffs, he would get into touch with Mr. Grayburn, one of the signatories to Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation notes, and ascertain from him whether or not his signature on the note as produced was genuine.

This course was adopted and the case adjourned until 2.15 p.m.

CANTON BOMB.

ONE KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED.

WEST BUND PIRATES?

Pirates are believed to have thrown a bomb in one of the busiest centres of Canton about 9 o'clock last night, when one person was killed and several were injured.

The tow-boat for Kongmoon was alongside the West Bund (close to the Taiping-maloo, formerly 'West Creek) when a loud explosion was heard on board, followed by a shattering of woodwork.

Police took charge immediately and are investigating.

It is suspected that pirates threw the bomb as a reprisal for their demand of blackmail being ignored.

OBITUARIES.

HONG KONG'S OLDEST FOREIGN RESIDENT.

MRS. E. R. BELILIOS.

Believed to be the oldest foreign resident in the Colony, Mrs. Seemah Belilios, the widow of Mr. E. R. Belilios, C.M.G., passed away at the King Edward Hotel yesterday morning at the advanced age of 90 years.

The late Mr. Belilios, who was a well-known Hong Kong merchant in his day, was for some time a member of the Legislative Council.

Mrs. Belilios came to Hong Kong from Calcutta over 60 years ago and since then, except for brief visits to her friends and relatives in India and a brief period during which she resided in England, she has resided here. Her health has caused her friends some anxiety for some considerable time and her passing was not entirely unexpected.

Mrs. Belilios carried on much of the philanthropic work for which her husband had been noted in his lifetime.

Sympathy will be extended to the family in their bereavement. There are two daughters and a number of grandchildren in Calcutta and a son in Shanghai who is a well-known oculist. Another son, who was practising in Hong Kong as a barrister, predeceased her four years ago.

The funeral took place yesterday evening at the Jewish cemetery, Happy Valley, many friends of the family attending. The Rev. Isaac Elias conducted the service, assisted by Mr. D. S. Gubbay.

MR. A. J. M. GOMES.

The death is also announced of Mr. A. J. M. Gomes, a well-known Portuguese resident of the Colony, who had lived in Hong Kong practically all his life. Having received his early education here, he proceeded to Oxford University and on his return held various positions at local solicitors' offices. He was about 50 years of age.

ANOTHER INSULT.

THE KILT AS FANCY DRESS!

MOTOR SHOW RULING.

After the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie's sermon yesterday, when he praised the "varied tartans of the clans" as adding to the picturesqueness of a drab world, Hong Kong will read with interest of an episode at the Motor Show at Olympia, which has caused great excitement among the many Scotsmen connected with this exhibition.

During the first few days of the show Mr. Sandy McDougall, a young man from Glasgow, took up his position on the stand of an exhibitor. He was there to represent Mr. Alec Robertson, a Scottish agent and a representative of the Scottish Motor Trade Council.

Sandy McDougall thought that on such an auspicious occasion he could not do better than wear the national costume, so he proudly donned a Royal Stuart tartan kilt. All went well until the exhibitors on this particular stand received a letter from the Society of Motor-car Manufacturers and Traders, organisers of the Show, as follows:

"Dear Sirs,—I beg to call your attention to the fact that Rule 21 of the Exhibition Regulations (and therefore the Bond) is being infringed by the following:—

"Attendants in fancy costume.

"I would ask you to be good enough to furnish your explanation as well as to arrange immediate compliance with the rule in question."

In other words, wearing a kilt is considered by the authorities to be a breach of the rule against the wearing of fancy costume.

J. C. J. PHILLIPS,
(Exhibition Manager.)

In spite of this Mr. McDougall, very angry, stood his ground. Next day he was definitely ordered to leave the stand. He did so, but a little later, with all the tenacity of his race, he reappeared, having got into the exhibition by another entrance.

It was not until the forces opposed to him were too overwhelming that he surrendered.

"Insult to Scotland."

His employer, Mr. Alec Robertson, said:

I was simply astounded when I heard that Mr. McDougall had been ordered off the stand. He was there as my representative, to answer inquiries and to inform clients where I could be found at any moment.

He was wearing the national costume—in fact, the tartan that the King wears when he comes to Scotland.

Wearing the same kilt in the streets of Glasgow, he would be in quite normal dress. As soon as I heard what had happened I demanded an interview with the exhibition secretary.

I pointed out that to call the kilt fancy dress was an insult to Scotland. We in Scotland might just as well make it a rule that no Englishman should come to the Scottish motor show unless wearing the kilt—it would be just as absurd.

So far I have received no satisfaction, and Sandy McDougall has had to go. Scotsmen at the exhibition are most indignant about it.

At the time of the incident Mr. McDougall was carrying a bunch of white heather, which appears to have brought him no luck.

PEKING CABINET.

RESIGNATION TELEGRAM DESPATCHED.

Peking, Nov. 29.

The Cabinet's telegram of resignation was sent out last night.—Reuter.

Peking, Nov. 28.

The vernacular newspapers state that the Cabinet is preparing a circular telegram announcing its resignation en bloc, and requesting Chang Tso-lin and other prominent northern leaders to nominate a new Ministry.

According to the "Huang Pao" the proposal to revive the Chief Executiveship has been definitely dropped, owing to the refusal of Wang Shih-chen and Chao Erh-hsun successively to entertain the suggestion of the Fengtien leaders that they take up the post.—Reuter.

LOOTERS ARRESTED.

Peking, Nov. 27.

The looters of the Japanese s.s. "Sinkiang Maru" on November 18 are now stated to have been deserters from the Cantonese Army.

The regular Cantonese forces have now arrested 28, who will be severely punished.

The Japanese Captain has been released.—Reuter.

MEXICO CLOUD.

DEPUTIES CRITICISE AMERICAN POLICY.

Mexico City, Nov. 27.

The Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote of confidence in President Calles' Government, rising and cheering its appreciation of the Government's stand in regard to the Mexican land oil laws. Many deputies, previous to this, criticised the policy of the Washington Government in connection with these laws, also the Nicaraguan crisis.

American "Invasion."

Several speakers rebuked the Catholics in the United States for attempting to induce the American Government to interfere in Mexican religious affairs. One deputy declared that some interests in the United States would never be satisfied until the stars and stripes flew over Mexico but that would never be accomplished "so long as a single Mexican remains alive to resist the invasion."—Reuter's American Service.

British Co.'s Position.

Washington, Nov. 29.

According to advices received from the Mexican embassy here all British oil interests in Mexico have accepted the provisions of the new Mexican land and petroleum laws. It appears that Mr. Harry Fallas, acting on behalf of the Mexican Eagle Oil Company which is said to include all British petroleum interests in Mexico, has filed with the Department of Commerce a petition asking for confirmatory concession of his oil regulations. The lots of which confirmation is asked represent about two hundred million acres.

Telegrams received at the embassy also state that Lacarona, an important Dutch Company, and other corporations, including some American, have already complied with the oil laws similar to British interests.—Reuter's American Service.

New York, Nov. 28.

Reports from Mexico City state that officials of the Mexican Eagle and La Corona Oil Companies have refused to confirm the report that they have accepted the new land and petroleum laws and renounced the protection of their own governments, but circles in close touch with the Mexican Government and oil interests assert this is true. On the other hand the United States oil companies do not seem disposed to accept the new laws or to renounce the protection of the United States.

If they maintain this attitude it would seem that their chief rivals in Mexico will be operating after January 1 with the friendly consent of the Government, while the lands of the United States oil companies will be subject to confiscation.—Reuter's American Service.

To Buy Him Off.

A conference was held on board the American cruiser "Rochester" between Rear-Admiral Latimer and General Moncada, the leader of the Nicaraguan Liberal revolutionaries. It is reported that the latter is now considering the offer to buy him off, contained in the proclamation of President Diaz, issued on the 24th instant.—Reuter's American Service.

Bitter Press Criticism.

Mexico City, Nov. 28.

Coincidently with the return from the United States of the American Ambassador, the "Excelsior," one of the leading newspapers in Mexico, bitterly attacks the ambiguous, inconsistent attitude of the American politicians, whereby the programme in Mexico is praised one day and severely criticised the next, and their indifference to Latin American and European dislike.

The newspaper says, "It is necessary for American politicians to take notice that a State cannot live with the enmity of other States on earth. All the United States' enormous wealth and all her pride as a modern conqueror will not deliver her from the fate of countries using their strength in unjust causes."—Reuter's American Service.

Deputies Cheer.

Mexico City, Nov. 27.

The Chamber of Deputies has voted its confidence in President Calles' Government, rising and cheering its appreciation of the Government's stand in regard to the Mexican Land and Oil laws. Many deputies had previously criticised the policy of the Washington Government in connection with these laws and also in connection with the Nicaraguan crisis. Several speakers rebuked the Catholics of the United States for attempting to induce the American Government to interfere in Mexican religious affairs. One deputy declared some interests in the United States would never be satisfied until the stars and stripes flew over Mexico but that would never be accomplished "so long as a single Mexican remains alive to resist invasion."—Reuter's American Service.

HONAN'S PLIGHT.

TAXED AND SQUEEZED TO SUPPORT THE ARMY.

WU PEI-FU UNPOPULAR.

The Huaking (Honan) correspondent of the "N.-C. Daily News" wrote on November 7:—

During the last 30 days the people of Honan have been held in suspense and wild stories are told and retold until people say "Well, I have heard that story so often, there must be some truth in it."

At first when Wu retreated north along the Peking-Hankow Railway from Hankow great fear was aroused lest Honan would again be overrun by a new stream of soldiers from the south. Within 20 months they have suffered military oppression from every other possible direction as well as being robbed, plundered and taxed from within, until now what was once sympathy and support for Wu, has turned to indignation and expressions of even hope for his final downfall.

Paper bills are being forced upon the people and especially the merchants by the military. Every soldier carries paper money. He will call at a shop and buy some small amount (a few hundred cash) give a paper bill and demand the change for his paper bill in coin.

Often the shopkeeper will say "Never mind paying me the 200 cash I will give you a present," thus hoping to be able to avoid giving out the coin. However this method seldom works. The soldier wants the coin. A few days ago a new supply of a million and a half dollars in paper was forced into circulation in Chengchow. Something has to be done to support Wu Pei-fu's troops. Wu is now confined to a small part of Honan from which to draw revenue. Even the northern section of the Peking-Hankow Railway has been taken over by the Fengtien troops thus cutting off revenue from Wu.

Wu Still Undaunted.

The question of supplies and munitions is a very difficult one for Wu also and has delayed his counter-attack several weeks. Discipline among his troops was shaken severely by his drastic treatment of some of his superior officers after the last retreat. However, the fighting spirit of Wu Pei-fu himself is still undaunted and, although seemingly crushed with enormous difficulties, he remains hopeful and disdains the idea that "reds" shall come in and possess the land. In the meantime passengers must not expect water supply on the "Green Express" from the pipes and taps, but rather from tea-pots and black kettles.

YOKE OF TYRANT.

"CHEKIST ANIMALS" KILLING THE PEOPLE.

The Harbin correspondent of the "Shanghai Mercury" wrote on November 7:—

To-day Russian revolution day has again turned up and the Soviet representatives here are celebrating it in proper manner, a great reception being held at the Soviet Consulate and many meetings in the evening. Yesterday the town was flooded with a leaflet issued by what is called the Russian Professional Fascist Workmen. This leaflet calls upon all Russians who love their country to throw over the yoke of the tyrant, one part reading, "for nine years these Chekist animals, hangmen have been killing the people." It is a hot and fiery denunciation of the present government and finishes with "Hail to the Russian workmen who demand the establishment of a democratic government and the uplifting of the tri-colour flag." Where these leaflets have been printed, and by whom they have been spread all over the railway line, is not known.

"MISMANAGED."

SWEDISH CROWN PRINCE IN DIFFICULTIES.

Owing to a misunderstanding in the verbal orders for the shunting of the Royal train at East Station, Tientsin, states the "Tsingtao Times," the Crown Prince of Sweden was considerably embarrassed when, after alighting from his motor-car, in drizzling rain, he had to search for his train.

"What a mismanaged country, what a mismanaged country!" the Prince exclaimed as he ran from one track to the other, followed by his retinue.

The Prince's train was standing close to the first track when he left the station to inspect the two archaeological collections in the city. In the meantime the traffic office gave orders for another train to be shunted.

The train shunter misunderstood the order and shunted the Royal train instead.

HONAN BANDITRY.

BEHEADED WITH A MOWING MACHINE.

(The following details are taken from a private letter written to a Hankow resident.—Ed.)

Kaifeng, Oct. 29.

"Thieves broke into the C. I. M. premises and carried off $254 and a lot of valuables belonging to a lady staying there. . . . . Our Chinese pastor at Chowkiakow was beaten 400 blows, strung up by his hands and burned in his arm-pits by the brigands. They also forced him to raise $2,000. He managed to buy back twenty-four schoolgirls.

"Mr. Freeman Davies had a truly fearful time witnessing the torture and beating to death of some of the captives.

"Mr. Ryding told me the grass-cutter (horse-drawn reaping machine?) was used to decapitate many poor men and children. The heartless cruelty of the younger brigands is scarcely credible. They look upon killing a man the same as killing a goat.

"Kaifeng narrowly escaped being captured. Soldiers were away and huge bands of brigands were but 25 li away. Had they known how unprotected we were there might have been a different story to tell."—"C. C. Post."

COMING FILMS.

"MERTON, OF THE MOVIES" AND "THE BAT."

Two notable pictures are coming to the Hong Kong screens shortly and the best of these is probably "Merton of the Movies."

Viola Dana, for eight years a star in her own right, made her debut in this film and through a curious coincidence Glenn Hunter, the "Merton" of the photoplay, made "Merton of the Movies" his first appearance in the West.

Although each had known of the other for years and had mutual friends, they met for the first time when Hunter stepped from a trans-continental train at Los Angeles.

And a week later they had exchanged their first kiss. It happened, of course, on one of the stages at the Famous Players-Lasky studio. James Cruze, who made "The Covered Waggon" and other successes and the director of "Merton," ordered them to do it. It was recorded on the film.

Cruze has selected an especially strong cast for this great story of youthful pathos and laughter. Besides Hunter and Miss Dana, the players include De Witt Jennings, Elliott Roth, Luke Cosgrave, Gale Henry, Charles Sellon, Charles Ogle, Ethel Wales, Frank Jonasson and Eleanor Lawson.

The story revolves around the experiences—tragic, funny and amorous—of a small-town youth who is movie-struck and goes to Hollywood to make his fortune in the pictures. Miss Dana has an especially strong part as the sophisticated little actress who "mothers" him and eventually forces him against his will to achieve his ambition.

"The Bat."

"The Bat" is frankly a mystery melodrama, and frankly, it mystifies. You may watch it at any point and you cannot possibly tell who is guilty in the great crime problem until the producer crashes to your aid. Circumstantial evidence points first to one person and then to another. You mistrust and doubt everyone in turn, as a clever dramatic switch points the finger of guilt in some other quarter.

Briefly stated, the plot fluctuates from a skyscraper where a big robbery is committed, to a bank which is also looted, and to a country estate tenanted by a matter-of-fact spinster, where all the mysterious proceedings culminate in a nerve-racking series of startling adventures. The mischief all comes directly out of the evil activities of a master criminal, "The Bat" of whose identity no one has any certain idea. There are vivid "doings" around the house, and at every turn, in a mounting series of bewilderments. The grim spinster, with her house guests and servants and detectives and a half dozen intruders, bravely sticks it out. Whenever tension comes to the snapping point there are a couple of comedy characters who afford a welcome relief, so that the film fluctuates between deadly earnest and roaring mirth until the end. In fact, the comedy element always spices the particularly excellent entertainment.

Of course it is not fair to tell the specific situations and plots of "The Bat," and give away the solution. During its many years of stage success "The Bat" had its secret well kept by audiences, so that the enjoyment of new crowds might not be marred by too much fore knowledge.

PIRACY AGAIN.

THRILLS IN QUEEN'S THEATRE.

EXCELLENT BURLESQUE.

What with the grim events at sea, the coming production of "The Pirates of Penzance," and the screening of "Clothes Make the Pirate" in the Queen's Theatre, Hong Kong is getting piracy on all sides. Like the comic opera, the film belongs to the realm of burlesque, and the Colony will take as much of that sort of piracy as the stage and the screen care to offer. Although a burlesque, however, "Clothes Make the Pirate" is produced on a serious scale, two big sailing ships and a couple of early American villages providing the principal settings. Some of the incidents, too, are on a grand scale, notably the great naval fight between the pirates and one of His Majesty's ships. But for the rest, except in one or two places where the action is inclined to drag a little, the picture is all laughter and excitement, a dozen amusing complications following the accident which puts a timid village tailor at the head of a pirate horde. "Clothes Make the Pirate" is an excellent piece of bufoonery, and as such can be enjoyed by all who like a good laugh.

"MODERATE—FINE."

TO-MORROW'S WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow, the weather forecast for all local districts is; E. winds, moderate; fine.

At 11.10 this morning the Observatory reported: — Pressure has increased moderately over Japan and the Loochoos. Changes are slight elsewhere.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 66; temperature 93; weather blue skies.

"Constable, are you asleep? Why do you allow a man to smoke in Court?" said Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning. The Cantonese lukong concerned is to be dealt with departmentally.

The case in which a Chinese, charged with being in possession of arms and ammunition, was remanded by Major Willson at the Central Magistracy last Friday upon application of the police, was heard before Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major Willson sitting together in the 1st. Magistrate's Court this morning. Their Worships convicted the accused, imposing a fine of $500.

The Chinese Government aeronautical department at Peking has wired to the Tupan of Sinkiang and Kansu stating that according to despatches from the Swedish authorities, two Swedish aeroplanes will soon reach Chinese territory and pass through Sinkiang (Chinese Turkestan) and Kansu en route to North China. The object of the Swedish aero expedition is for the purpose of making archaeological investigations in China.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

November 29—Queen's Theatre; "Clothes Make The Pirate."

November 29—World Theatre; "My Old Dutch."

November 29—Star Theatre; "Circus Days."

November 30—St. Andrew's Ball, City Hall, 9.30 p.m.

December 10, 11, 13, 17, 18—The H.K. Philharmonic Society presents" "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m., Matinee on December 15 at 4.30 p.m.

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November 29—Demonstration on "Radio" by Messrs. A. J. Chesterton and G. F. Taylor, at the Engineers' & Ship builders' Institute, 5.45 p.m.

December 5—Forty-third Al Fresco Fête of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the compound of the Catholic Cathedral, 8.30-11.30 p.m.

December 7—Free lecture at Old Chamber of Commerce room, City Hall, by Mr. John Randall Dunn, C.S.B. of Boston, U.S.A., 5.45 p.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Tokyo, Nov. 19.—A despatch from Otaru, Hokkaido, reports that a fire broke out at the Russian Consulate there at 2 o'clock this morning completely destroying the consulate building.

Assessor Martin and Magistrate Li, at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on Nov. 19, sentenced Jean Poppoff, a Russian, to one month's imprisonment for begging alms in Jessfield Road.

The s.s. "Heng Tah" of the Yuin Hsin Navigation Co. was looted on the 12 inst. on her way to Hankow from Chingchow. Over 10,000 strings of cash were take away, and two of the engineers severely wounded.

A China General Omnibus bus conductor received sentence of one week's imprisonment from the Mixed Court Magistrate, Shanghai, for failing to hand into the company a gold wrist watch which had been turned over to him by a Japanese passenger who had found the watch in the bus. Defendant said he thought he might make a little extra squeeze by the sale of the bauble.

According to the Tokyo Metropolitan Police, pickpockets have increased conspicuously in that city of late, and the authorities warn the public to be on the alert from the 25th till the end of each month, which is the great time for the pickpockets. Apparently they carry their operations over into the next month for on the 1st instant the victims of pickpockets ran to 308 in Tokyo—a record since the Metropolitan Police were established.

It was reported from Tokyo on Nov. 19:—At yesterday's meeting of the 2nd Oriental Red Cross Congress, the representative of the Philippines proposed to hold the Congress at Manila while the representative of Hawaii proposed to hold conferences of the Oriental Red Cross Societies as well as of the Women's Red Cross Societies at Honolulu in 1929. Congress has decided to express its respects to the Famine Relief Commission in China.

To-morrow is St. Andrew's Day.

Cuba's next sugar crop will be limited to 4,500,000 tons by presidential decree.

No case of notifiable disease occurred in the Colony during the week-end, i.e., during the 48 hours ended on Sunday.

The Peking Tramcar Company, has lowered the fares for soldiers in uniform to six coppers, irrespective of the length of the journey.

The Ministry of Finance has issued telegraphic instructions to Mr. Chu Yu-chih, Superintendent of Customs at Shanghai, to remit to Peking all the revenue funds collected by the Native Customs, in order to meet urgent requirements.

The Soviet Government has instituted a new order, the "Order of the Red Half Moon" which, a Reuter cable from Moscow states is to be bestowed upon Asiatic politicians who do good service in promoting good relations between Asia and the Soviet.

A Chinese telephone operator employed at the Yokohama Specie Bank was asked to explain to the Third Magistrate at Singapore why he had thrown vegetables at Miss A. Shaw, stenographer employed at the Vacuum Oil Company, Robinson Road. All he could say was that the lady had called him a fool. He was fined $30.

The introduction of electric light to the Forbidden City of Lhasa recalls the rapture with which scientific illumination was greeted by the monks of the Convent of Praglia in the Euganean Hills. Olive oil and candles had been their only illuminants, when in 1918 the British Army converted their monastery into headquarters. It was not long before their fears were laid to rest by kindly Tommy Atkins, who dug their garden, repaired their cloisters, and gave them the crowning joy of electric light. For hours the monks found complete satisfaction in just switching it on and off.

The Berlin Press reports that a German has patented a new process for chemically producing steel equal to the best smelting steel but considerably harder and more plastic.

A handbill distributed over the week-end in the Pootoo Road district of Shanghai appealed to the soldiers and police of Shanghai to co-operate in furthering the revolutionary movement which the writers say is being organised by the citizens of Shanghai.

In a proclamation to the public, the Shanghai Chinese police authorities warn residents in Chinese territory that it is their duty when moving from one district to another to notify the local police stations to that effect, and thus to save themselves trouble with the powers that be.

The Shantung Citizens' Association of Shanghai is reported to have sent a telegram to Gen. Chang Chung-chang protesting against the proposal to send Fengtien troops into Kiangsu. The Chinese newspapers report that the association has also sent a personal representative to Chang Chung-chang with the same message.

Thirteen students who were arrested in Shanghai for creating anti-Allied disturbances in Chinese territory during Armistice Day have now been released, following a strong lecture from the authorities on the foolishness of their behaviour, and the danger they exposed themselves to in running counter to the authorities.

Members and friends are reminded that the lecture by Mr. A. J. Chesterton (member) assisted by Mr. G. F. Taylor (member) on "Radio," with practical demonstrations, will be given at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong this evening at 5.45. This is the second of the series of winter session lectures arranged by the Institute. Mr. L. J. Blackburn (Vice-President of the Institute) will preside, and friends of members, including ladies, will be welcomed.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The estimates for the expenditure of the Royal Family of Japan for the next fiscal year amounting to Y.19,440,000 have been sanctioned by the Throne.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Taylor, of Kobe, are guests of the Astor House Hotel, Shanghai. Mr. Taylor is a partner in the well-known firm of Harold Bell, Taylor, Bird and Co., Kobe.

The funeral of Gen. Hsieh Hung-hsun, former commander of the 4th Chekiang Division, took place in Shanghai on Nov. 21. A precedent was established, a Municipal gun carriage being used to carry the remains.

Mr. J. Harold Dollar, after an absence of over 12 months, returned to Shanghai on Nov. 20. Mr. Dollar was accompanied by Mrs. Dollar, their two children, and Mrs. Dollar's private secretary, Miss Clarice Hefron. They were welcomed on the wharf by a large number of friends.

The death occurred in New York on Oct. 19, of Commissioner Thomas Estill, head of the Salvation Army Eastern Territory, which comprises twenty-two States. The commissioner served in the Salvation Army since 1878, beginning at its birthplace, Whitby, Yorkshire, and was afterwards in command in Holland, South Africa, and Japan, besides serving in New Zealand and Australia.

His Excellency the Governor says the "British North Borneo Herald," met with a slight accident to his shoulder on his voyage from Europe to Singapore but an X-ray examination shows that nothing is seriously wrong as is evidenced by the first game of golf he played in Jesselton when on a muddy course he went round in two strokes more than Bogey. His Excellency's keenness on games will no doubt prove a boon to the State.

Mr. Richard St. George Moore, who died in London last month, was widely known as a consulting engineer for harbour and waterworks. Among other works he was engineer for the Paris Gigantic Wheel, the Gosport drainage, the Hankow waterworks, and the Marlborough and Grafton Railway. He was also connected with the Baku, Tiflis, Arad, Singapore, and Arequipa waterworks. He was the recipient of the Banner of Honour from the Chinese Government.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wright returned to the Colony by the s.s. "Carmarthenshire" yesterday.

Miss Evelyn A. Magnet, a teacher and self-supporting missionary, died recently at the Kobe Sanitarium.

Mr. S. S. Perry was an outgoing passenger to-day on the "Siberia Maru." Others who left included Mr. L. Ryssin, Mrs. H. T. Tong and Miss Tong, Mr. A. Vieira-Ribeiro, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Kirk.

Dr. Howard G. Barrie, the Resident Medical Officer at the Kuling Sanatorium, has gone Home via Siberia. He intends to make a six months' tour of representative tuberculosis sanatoria in England, the Continent and the United States. Dr. H. C. Ball, of London, will act as Director of the Kuling Sanatorium in his absence.

Moscow, Nov. 27.—Comrade Kameneff, ex-Chairman of the Moscow Soviet, has been appointed Soviet Ambassador to Italy in succession to Comrade Kerjenzeff.—Reuter.

Mr. Percy Crighton, a well-known Shanghai resident, recently celebrated a birthday anniversary which takes him a little over the half-century, with 31 years' residence in Shanghai. On making a morning call at the Race Club, says the "N.-C. Daily News," he was accorded boisterous congratulations and the look of perpetual youth about him led to the suggestion, in view of the even now he may come out again present shortage of jockeys, that and win another Champions.

Amongst recent arrivals at Home from Malaya are Mr. Worthington, British Resident, Pahang, and Mr. Gillman, Controller of Labour, F.M.S.

The engagement is announced between Maurice Drummond Peterson, British Embassy, Tokyo, son of the late Sir William Peterson, K.C.M.G., and Lady Peterson, and Eleanor Angel, second daughter of the Rev. H. W. L. and Mrs. O'Rorke, of Woodstock Rectory, Oxfordshire.

Mr. J. E. Badeley, the Shanghai barrister who was married at St. John's Cathedral on Friday, is a member of the firm of Hansons', solicitors to the Shanghai Municipal Council. Mr. Badeley, with Mr. Duncan McNeill, senior partner in the firm, represented S.M.C. before the International Judicial Commission which held an inquiry into the Nanking Road incident last year.

Writing from Jesselton on November 2, the correspondent of "Singapore Free Press" says:—Our new Governor, His Excellency Mr. J. L. Humphreys, C.B.E., is staying for the present in Jesselton and is expected to leave for Sandakan and the East Coast at the end of this week, returning to Jesselton towards the end of the month. Mr. Humphreys has been playing as much golf as our execrable weather has permitted and is handicapped at scratch in the Jesselton Golf Club. If his plans materialise he may travel extensively in the Interior during December. Mr. J. S. Hill, who joined the Service early this year, has been appointed Private Secretary.

The sympathy of many old China hands will go out to Mrs. Lay, of 82, Margaret Street, W.1, widow of Mr. Amcy Lay, of the Imperial Chinese Customs, in the death of her youngest son, Lieut. H. N. Lay, R.N., as the result of a seaplane accident near Malta on Oct. 21, in which three officers and a telegraphist lost their lives. Lieut. Lay, who had qualified as a pilot, was attached to the Fleet Air Arm. He entered Osborne College in Jan., 1916, from a school near Brighton, and was appointed as midshipman in Sept., 1919, to the "Benbow." He was appointed for air trainig at Netheravon in June, 1924, after a year in the minesweeper "Truro," and it was while undergoing the pilots' course that he was promoted to lieutenant in Oct., 1924.

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London, Nov. 28.

Four Peers head the list of winning owners in the past flat racing season namely, Lord Woolavington with £17,041 in stakes; Lord Derby with £35,433; Viscount Astor with £24,187; the Earl of Rosebery with £15,832.

After these come Sir Abe Bailey, Mr. Solly Joel and H. H. the Aga Khan.

The most successful trainer was F. Darling with £53,096 in stakes.

T. Weston, with 95 firsts and a percentage of 15.5+, heads the list of winning jockeys, followed by F. Fox with 74. Elliott was fourth with 70 and Steve Donoghue sixth with 61.

Coronach (winner of the Derby and Leger) was the best winning horse with £39,624 in stakes.

Colorado (winner of the 2,000 Guineas and beaten in the Derby) was next with £10,610.—Reuter.

[Lord Woolavington owned Coronach and Lord Derby owned Colorado.]

HOME SOCCER.

FIRST ROUND PROPER OF ENGLISH CUP.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

Fog interfered with soccer at Home on Saturday, a number of matches being postponed.

London, Nov. 27.

In the first round proper of the Football Association Cup competition (home teams given first) results to-day were:—

Workington 1, Crook 2.
Stockton 1, Ashington 2.
Bishop Auckland 0, Bedlington 1.
Anfield Plain 2, Chilton Colliery 4.
"Carlisle" 6, Hartlepools 2.
Nelson 4, Stockport 1.
Accrington 4, Rochdale 3.
Wrexham 1, New Brighton 1.
Rhyl Athletic 3, Stoke 1.
Stockport 1, Tranmere 1.
Wellington 1, Mansfield 2.
Kettering 2, Coventry 3.
Lincoln 2, Rotherham 0.
Grimsby 3, Halifax 2.
Boston 1, Northampton 1.
Walsall 1, Bradford 0.
Woking 1, Charlton 3.
Crystal Palace 0, Norwich 0.
Clapton 1, Brentford 1.
Barking 0, Gillingham 0.
Sittingbourne 1, Northfleet 3.
Dulwich Hamlet 1, Southend 4.
Nunhead 9, Kingstonians 0.
Watford 10, Lowestoft 1.
Luton 4, London Caleys 2.
Chatham 3, St. Alban's City 1.
Brighton 3, Barnet 0.
Bournemouth 1, Swindon 1.
Poole 1, Newport 0.
Reading 4, Weymouth 4.
Torquay 0, Bristol Rovers 2.
Merthyr 1, Bristol City 1.
Exeter 3, Alberdare 0.

[Matches postponed:—Wigan v. Barrow, Crewe v. Northern Nomads. Abandoned:—Chesterfield v. Mexborough, York v. Worksop, Desborough v. Doncaster Rovers.]

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Results (also home team mentioned first) in the Leagues were:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Birmingham 2, Leeds 0.
Blackburn 2, Manchester United 1.
Bury 0, Liverpool 2.
Everton 1, Bolton 1.
Huddersfield 4, Derby 2.
Leicester 5, Aston Villa 1.
Sunderland 3, Sheffield 0.
Tottenham 1, Newcastle 3.
West Bromwich 1, Arsenal 3.
West Ham 2, Burnley 1.
[Wednesday v. Cardiff postponed.]

Division II.

Blackpool 2, Port Vale 2.
Darlington 1, Hull 3.
Fulham 2, Clapton Orient 0.
Manchester City 1, South Shields 2.
Middlesborough 3, Southampton 1.
Notts Forest 4, Chelsea 1.
Oldham 5, Notts County 2.
Portsmouth 2, Wolves 1.
Swansea 1, Bradford City 0.
[Barnsley v. Preston N. E. postponed.]

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen 1, St. Mirren 0.
Celtic 7, Dundee United 0.
Dundee 6, Morton 1.
Dunfermline 0, Airdrieonians 2.
Falkirk 2, Hibernians 0.
Hearts 0, St. Johnstone 0.
Kilmarnock 0, Hamilton 1.
Motherwell 3, Partick 1.
Queen's Park 3, Cowdenbeath 1.
Rangers 6, Clyde 0.

—Reuter.

LEAGUE SOCCER.

LOCAL CHAMPIONS LOSE AGAIN.

SATURDAY'S SURPRISE.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of Saturday's local league soccer was the draw between the Police eleven and the senior team of the Chinese Athletic.

Once again the champions and shield-holders (Kowloon) lost. Their conquerors this time were the Hong Kong F. C. who were playing away from home.

Weakness in the attack, when in front of the opposing citadel, brought about the defeat of Kowloon whose chances of winning the championship this season are now very remote.

The leaders in the senior division, Club de Recreio, were not engaged.

Saturday was also notable for the first victory of the Scottish Borderers 1st XI, the four points credited to them hitherto having been handed down as a legacy by the 1st East Surreys.

Club's Triumph.

After a blank first half on Kowloon's stronghold, the Hong Kong F.C. scored twice without reply. Teams:—

H.K.F.C.:—Rodger; Summers, Wallington; McBride, Stewart, Watson; Taylor, Howard, Linaker, Gerrard, Alexander.

Kowloon: — Durand; Wheeler, Caveille; McKelvie, Sims, Duncanp Pile, Spivey, Hayes, Miller, Muir.

Referee: Mr. Gilmour.

This match was notable for the number of men in the two defences who are up to Interport class. Rodger, Stewart and Howard (back in the vanguard) are well-known in the Club team and Wallington is a candidate for the post of left back this season. Kowloon had Wheeler back in his old job, their famous line of halves and a brilliant "find" in Durand, the goalie.

Gerrard opened the account for the winners with a hard bang and Taylor clinched the issue with a second.

Athletic v. Police.

The H.K.F.C. ground at Happy Valley was well packed for the encounter between Chinese Athletic and the Police. Teams:—

Chinese Athletic:—Pau Ka-ping; Le Wai-man, Lai Yuk-tat; Ng Po-lau, Wong Sui-wa, Lam Yuk-ying; Ng Kam-chuen, Ip Kau, Wong Pak-chung, Suen Kam-shun, Chan Kwong-iu.

Police:—Clarke; Wynne, Sherry; Brittain, Hudson, Jessop; McEwen, Forbes, Oram, Simpson, Noonan.

Referee: Mr. Gilbert.

For speed the Chinese forwards were easily the superior of the Police.

Exchanges became rough after the interval but there was no inclination to infringements.

Against the nippy vanguard of their opponents, the Police defenders played a sterling game and held on grimly. They deserved to share the spoils.

Suen Kam-shun put the Chinese ahead before half-time but Oram deceived the opposing goalie with a lob and equalised.

Borderers' First.

By 3 goals to nil, the 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers defeated H.M.S. "Tamar" on the Navy ground. Teams:—

Borderers:—Anderson; Gardner, Martin; Everest, Barham, McGill; Lockerbie, McGovern, Davy, Hume, Craig.

"Tamar":—Avery; McCormick, Clarke; Leonard, Butler, Voller; Robbins, Hallohan, Northey, Preston, King.

Referee: Mr. Baldwin.

Both goalies played to advantage. Barham shone as pivot for the soldiers whose new men also did well. King was the best of the sailors' attack.

Davey found the net twice in the latter part of the first half, the second being a solo effort.

After the change of ends Craig put on the third.

Leonard had to leave the field before the end.

South China Lose Again.

At Sookumpoo, South China lost again, going down to the Royal Artillery by 2 goals to nil. Teams:

R.A.:—Stanton; Whittington, Blanchard; Fuller, Rowlands, Earle; Ward, Pulford, Leach, Routledge, Maddocks.

South China:—Lau Hing-cheung; Li Tin-sang, Chan So; Tin Yuk-on, Fung Man-kit, Cheung Wing-shing; Chui Kwong-yeung, Leung Wing-tak, Fung King-cheung, Ip Pak-wa, Li Ting-choi.

Referee: Mr. Phillips.

South China had most of the play but the soccer was not particularly thrilling. They were unfortunate in running up against Stanton in his best mood.

Leach was the R.A. gun-layer. Twice he found the target, once in each half, the first from close range and the second through Maddocks making the opening.

Among the Juniors.

On their own ground, Kowloon Reserves lost to St. Joseph's College by the odd goal in three. Omar and Ward scored for the visitors and, towards the end, Eastman reduced the deficit.

Chinese Athletic "A" crossed swords with South China (also in section "A" of division II) at Sookumpoo and had the better of the match. But they only scored once, through Choy Ping-fan and this was enough to give them both points.

In Section "B."

In section "B" of division II, Joseph's College Reserves got the biggest victory of the day, 5-1 against the Hong Kong Bank Portuguese.

Kowloon "B" got the better of South China by the odd goal in five.

Moslem Club beat Chinese Athletic "A" by 2-nil and Chinese Athletic "B" did likewise to the South China Boy Scouts.

LAWN BOWLS.

SINGLES AND DOUBLES' CHAMPIONSHIPS.

SATURDAY'S FINALS.

A. Gourlay (K.B.G.C.) defeated E. M. Omar (a past holder) of Craigengower in the final of the lawn bowls singles championship of the Colony at the Kowloon C.C. green on Saturday.

In the first head Omar lay four, but Gourlay came up with his last wood and lay shot. This seemed to unnerve Omar—although it should not have, seeing that he had already the Colony's championship to his credit—and he never could get the lead so tantalisingly lost. The game was a ding-dong one throughout—closer, perhaps, than what the contestants imagined—and it appeared anybody's game, although of the two Gourlay was certainly playing the better game.

Premature!

Eventually Gourlay got a commanding lead, which only super play could hope to cope with. With the score 18-11 in Gourlay's favour it seemed to Omar as if his opponent had scored a trio in the next head and, much to the amusement of all, he hastened to congratulate Gourlay on winning—only to find the umpire giving two instead of three in Gourlay's favour. However, Gourlay scored a couple in the succeeding head, thus making victory sure by 22-11.

THE DOUBLES.

In the doubles championship R. A. Smith and T. D. E. Pendered (Civil Service) were opposed to T. Grimes and H. McKechnie (Kowloon Dock).

Pendered is a newcomer as regards bowls, and Smith has been here for a couple of years. They had defeated L. C. R. Souza and C. Silva, F. Knott and G. E. Roylance, F. J. Neves and W. B. Muskett; W. Wotherspoon and H. Morrison.

T. Grimes and H. McKechnie (Kowloon Dock R.C.) qualified for the other place in the final by defeating S. Gray and W. Greig on Thursday by 16 points to 14 points. In reaching the final they defeated:—R. Lapsley and J. McLaggan; McTavish and McKeller; Oswick and Gregory; S. Gray and W. Greig.

The game on Saturday was a fine one throughout, and it was unfortunate in a way that the greater attention of the spectators was centred on the singles. Both sides played good bowls, with only two woods each—said to be the best test of a good bowls exponent—and with three heads to go the scores were equal. Then Grimes and McKechnie had a patch of good "joss" and got a couple of threes and a one, thus winning with a few shots to spare. It was certainly one of the finest doubles games seen for a long time, and the vanquished as well as the victors are to be complimented on the fine standard of bowls exhibited.

Prize Distribution.

At the conclusion the prizes were presented as follows:—

Open Singles: A. Gourlay, 1; Omar, 2; A. Holland, 3; and W. Russell, 4.

Open Doubles: Grimes and McKechnie, 1; Smith and Pendered, 2.

The Spey Royal Cup was handed over to the winners—the Craigengower C.C.—by Mr. J. Gibson, the Kowloon representative of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., who, in the course a neat speech, complimented the winners on their progress in bowls during the last few seasons, whilst lamenting—amid laughter—that the best team—the K.C.C.—had lost.

The flag of the Second Division of the League was also handed over by the Police R.C. to the Kowloon Cricket Club, the winners in the current season, who now resume their place in the First Division.

SATURDAY CRICKET.

ALL 3 LEAGUE MATCHES DRAWN.

"FRIENDLY" FEATURES.

Three league cricket matches were played on Saturday, all ending in draws, the batsmen getting the better of the bowlers.

A. W. Hayward scored 73 not out for the Hong Kong C.C. and A. A. Rumjahn 82 not out.

Other batsmen who did well were G. R. Sayer 69, E. C. Fincher 56 not out, S. Ismail 47 not out, H. M. Xavier 60.

Alexander came off best in the league bowling with 5 wickets for 32 runs. Details follow:—

League Div. I.

At Pokfulam, University drew with H.K.C.C. Scores:—

H.K.C.C. 169 runs for 5 wickets, declared. (E. J. R. Mitchell 46, A. W. Hayward 73 not out. A. A. Rumjahn 3 wkts. for 56 runs).

'Varsity 139 runs for 8 wickets (A. A. Rumjahn 82 not out. Dr. D. K. Samy 31. H. V. Parker 3 for 46, G. R. Vallack 3 for 18.)

At Happy Valley, Civil Service C.C. drew with Indian Recreation Club. Scores:—

C.S.C.C. 170 runs for 4 wickets, declared (G. R. Sayer 69, E. C. Fincher 56 not out, F. Baker 27, A. el Arculli 2 for 60, A. H. Madar 2 for 28).

I. R. C. 112 runs for 6 wickets (A. H. Madar 28, S. Ismail 47 not out, G. R. Sayer 2 for 17, E. W. Hamilton 2 for 11).

League, Div. II.

On their own ground at King's Park, Club de Recreio drew with the Police Recreation Club. Scores:—

Recreio 144 runs. (H. M. Xavier 60, H. A. Alves 23. C. F. Alexander 5 for 32. T. H. King 2 for 30. A. Johnson 2 for 33).

Police 113 runs for 6 wickets. (Meadows 25 not out, F. E. Booker 36, C. F. Alexander 20, M. Pinna 2 for 25, H. A. Alves 2 for 5).

Friendly Matches.

Kowloon C.C. v. Royal Navy—drew. K.C.C. 165 for 7, dec.—Navy 100 for 8.

Indian R.C. 2nd v. Civil Service "A"—I.R.C. won. C.S.C.C. "A" 66—I.R.C. 2nd 115.

H.K.C.C. XII v. Pay. Comdr. Coomber's XII—Naval team won. H.K.C.C. 101—Coomber's XII 160 for 5 wkts.

All match at Causeway Bay, yesterday; Chinese R.C. v. H.K.V. Defence Corps—Volunteers won. C.R.C. 127—Volunteers 262 for 4 wkts. (H. V. Parker 100 not out) —C.R.C. 2nd innings 111 for 8.

LOCAL GOLF.

JASPER CLARK CUP AND CHAMPIONSHIP.

Over two rounds each of 18 holes, medal play, the Jasper Clark Cup competition (which is the qualifying round of the championship) of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club was decided at Fanling, on the old course, yesterday.

A. H. Ferguson and I. W. Shewan tied with 164 each. The Committee will decide to-day, as to whether Shewan made a technical infringement which will add a couple of strokes to his score. In that case Ferguson will be the winner.

Of the 16 competitors who qualified for the championship proper, six returned 178 each—the lowest score to qualify in the 16. G. Murray returned 176 but is understood to have been disqualified through playing the wrong ball.

Spoons were awarded to players, non-prize winners, who returned the best round. These were won by F. J. de Rome and A. B. Purves who each had an 82.

Details follow:—

A. H. Ferguson	85	79	164
I. W. Shewan	81	83	164
F. J. de Rome	82	86	168
L. G. S. Dodwell	87	83	170
T. D. E. Pendered	84	87	171
A. B. Purves	92	82	174
J. W. Franks	87	87	174
F. A. Redmond	83	93	176
N. L. Smith	92	84	176
I. Newton	98	84	177
D. G. Bruce	92	86	178
Capt. H. F. Bloxham	86	92	178
A. Leach	84	94	178
W. L. Dunbar	86	92	178
C. Bulmer Johnson	95	83	178
H. V. Sheldon	88	90	178

Failed to qualify:—

G. Murray	176
L. R. Andrewes	179
C. C. Stark	180
Lt.-Col. E. D. Matthews	180
H. U. Ireland	183
Col. Boylan Smith	184

HOME TURF.

MANCHESTER RACES HELD UP BY FOG.

Manchester, Nov. 27.

Owing to the fog to-day's Manchester races were abandoned.—Reuter.

[The Manchester November Handicap should have been run on Saturday and some big sweeps (including Duggan's) were on the race.]

"WHITE WINGS."

YACHT CLUB RACES DURING WEEK-END.

ST. GEORGE'S WIN.

This last week-end was again a busy one for the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

On Saturday the racing classes competed in the fifth championship, yesterday St. George's defeated St. Andrew's by a narrow margin in the annual inter-Society match and the ladies will out again to-day.

On Saturday also, the new feature of Service boats provided a fine race. Details follow:—

5TH CHAMPIONSHIP.

Twenty-two boats turned out. Course (8.4 miles) from the Club to North Fairway buoy, Cust Rock buoy, finish at the Club.

Handicap Class:—Colleen (Mr. R. M. Jack) 1st, 34 points to date; Rolla (Mr. N. Croucher) 2nd, 33 points; Diana (Surgeon Lt. Brown) 3rd, 21 points; Dorothea (Mr. C. E. L. Grist) 26; La Linda (Mr. A. L. Shields) 19; Argulla (Mr. H. J. Pearce) 14; Falcon (Miss C. M. Shaw) 7.

Heyward Hays Class:—Bluenose (Mrs. E. J. R. Mitchell) 1st, 40 points to date; Lola (Captain J. Cardew) 2nd, 36 points; Boojum (Mr. F. G. Vaux) 3rd, 35 points; Adanac (Lt. R. W. Moir) 25; Adele (Lt.-Col. H. B. Gunn) 37; Why Wonder? (Mr. H. S. Rouse) 33; Sealark (Lt.-Col. V. Coates) 27; Zephyr (Mr. R. J. Verrall) 24.

Gael Class:—Pierrette (Lt. Vereker) 1st, 27 points to date; Daphne (Lt. Thring) 2nd, 47 points; Joan (Mr. R. O. Sutherland) 3rd, 29 points; Halcyon (Mr. W. Russell) 24; Ailsa (Comdr. Entsey) 38; Thecla (Lt.-Comdr. Leveson-Gower) 33; Gael (Lt. Jacobs-Larkcom) 28.

SERVICE RACE.

Seventeen boats started in the Service race. Although a steam launch caused a slight delay, the course from the Club to Kowloon Rock, Cust Rock buoy, Club line, Channell Rocks, back to Club, was finished in about two hours.

H.M.S. "Hermes" whaler (Lt. Willoughby) won the officer's race and H.M.S. "Hawkins" cutter (L. S. Mortimer) won the ratings' race.

"LOLA" STRANDED.

St. Andrew's Lose Twice By One Point.

Losing a point in the morning and another in the afternoon, St. Andrew's Society team were beaten by St. George's by 80 points to 78.

"Lola," sailed by Mr. H. S. Rouse in the morning, was stranded at Channel Rocks and hit the mark at Kowloon Rock. But she struck both times under water and finished the course.

Morning Race.

Course (just over 6 miles) from Club to Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock, Channel Rocks and Cust Rock buoy, finish at Club.

The teams and points (awarded in order of finishing) were:—

St. George's:—Daphne (F. G. Vaux) 13, Bluenose (H. J. Pearce) 11, Adele (C. E. L. Grist) 7, Why Wonder? (H. J. Armstrong) 6, Gael (N. Croucher) 2, Lola (H. S. Rouse) 1—total 40 points.

St. Andrew's:—Boojum (Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, R.N.) 10, Adanac (Surgeon Lt.-Brown) 9, Sealark (Captain Bell) 8, Zephyr (A. L. Shields) 5, Pierrette (R. Sutherland) 4, Ailsa (R. M. Jack) 3—total 39 points.

Afternoon Race.

Course (6½ miles) from Club to Lyemun Beacon, Kowloon Rock, mark on line, Cust Rock buoy.

St. Georges:—Ailsa (C. E. L. Grist) 11, Pierrette (N. Croucher) 9, Boojum (F. G. Vaux) 8, Adanac (Mr. Reed) 5, Sealark (H. J. Pearce) 4, Zephyr (H. S. Rouse) 3—total 40.

St. Andrew's:—Daphne (Rear-Admiral Stirling) 13, Bluenose (Surgeon Lt. Brown) 10, Gael (R. M. Jack) 7, Why Wonder? (Captain Bell) 6, Adele (R. Sutherland) 2, Lola (A. L. Shields) 1—total 39.

[Grand total: St. George's 80, St. Andrew's 78.]

Lawn Bowls Match.

A lawn bowls match was also played. Here the Scotsmen had their revenge, winning by 2 shots.

On the invitation of Mr. E. W. Carpenter (Commodore of the R.H.K.Y.C.), Rear-Admiral Stirling (captain of St. Andrew's team) presented the Society's flag to Mr. W. A. Dowley (President of St. George's).

Rear-Admiral Stirling also presented spoons to the St. George's yacht team and to the St. Andrew's lawn bowls team.

For being concerned in the theft of 30 pounds of raw silk valued at $200 on November 8, from the O.S.K. s.s. "London Maru," a Chinese was sent to jail by the Mixed Court Magistrate on November 20 for three months, his confederate having left the port.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 29, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estate Bro[illegible] Share & Bond Society.
T.T. on London	1/11	1/11	1/11
T.T. on Shanghai	79½	79½	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1170 n	1170 s	1170 n
do. London.	£118 s	—	£118 n
Chartered Bank	£21 b	£21 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£30 n.	£30½ n.	—
do. C.	£12¾ n.	£13½ n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£9¾ b.	£10 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n.	80 s	80 b
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	640 b	625 n	£630 b
China Underwriters	1.45 n	1.30 b	1.40 s
North China Insurance	T1.45 n.	1.40 n.	—
Union Insurance	296 sa	294 b 296 s	295 b
Yangtze Insurance	$45 M. b	40 n.	—
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b.	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	617½ b	615 b.	620 b.
Shipping.			
Douglases	28 b 29 s	28 b 29 s	27 n
Hongkong Steamboats	27½ n	27½ s	27½ n
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1¾ s	2¾ n.	2 n.
Indo-Chinas (Pref)	32 b	30 n.	30 n.
do. (Def.)	42 b.	40 n.	40 s.
Shell Transports	90/- n.	90/- n.	90/- n.
Star Ferries	62 s	60 b 61 s	61 s
Water-boats	15 b	15 n	15 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	25¾ s	25¼ b 26 s	24 b
Malabon Sugars	36 n	35 n	36 n.
Mining.			
Benguets	1½ n.	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38/- n	42/6 n	47/- n
Langkats (Combined)	$27 n	28½ n	28½ n
do. (Single)	14 n.	14½ n.	—
Shanghai Exploration	T4½ n	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	T9 n	9 n.	—
Raubs	4½ n	3.40 b	3½ n.
Tronch Mines	88/- b	85/- b.	—
Ural Caspians	8/- n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	122 s.	110 s	120 s
H.K. & W. Docks	52½ n	53½ s	56 s
Hongkews	T175 n	—	— n.
New Engineerings	T6.60 n	6.40 n	6½ n.
Shanghai Docks	T125 n	124 s	125 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	9¾ b	10 b 10¼ s	10 s
Hongkong Lands	60 s	58½ b	60 s
Hongkong Realty	6.15 b	6 b	6¼ s.
H.K. Territorial	4 s.	4 s.	4 s
Humphreys Estates	15½ s.	15 s	15 s
Prince's Building	89 n	87 s.	—
Rural Lands	1½ n.	—	
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T9½ s	9 b 9.30 s	9½ n.
Orientals	T3 s.	2¾ b 2¾ s	2½ b
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T54½ n	53 s	54 b.
do. (new)	T28½ n	27 s.	28 b.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5 n.	5 s.	5 n.
Cements (comb.)	11¼ n	10 b	10 b
do. (old)	9 n.	8 b	8 b
do. (new)	2 n.	2 b	2 b
China Buses	9½ b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	19 s	17½ b 18 s	17 n
do. (old)	14½ n	13 s	13 n
do. (new)	11½ n	10 s	8 n
China Prov.	5¼ b	5¼ b	5¼ n
Dairy Farms	18¼ b	18¼ b	18 b
Der A. Wing	6 n	6 s.	—
Hongkong Amusements	16 b	15 n	15½ b
H.K. Constructions	1¾ b	2 b	2 b
Hongkong Electrics	61 s	60 b 61½ s	61½ s
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	26 s.	—	30 n
do. (old)	10 s	10 s	10 n
do. (new)	5 s.	5 s	5 n
Hongkong Tramways	24¼ s	23¼ b 24 s	24 s
Lane, Crawfords	8 n.	7 s	7 s.
Macao Electrics	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	19½ n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	6¾ b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15¾ n.	16 s	17 n.
do. (new)	7.60 n	8 n	7½ s.
Sinceres	9½ s	9.10 b	9 n
Singapore Trams	15/- s	14/- s	15/- n
Taxis	2 s	1 b	95 Cts. b
United Asbestos	20 b	—	—
(Founders)	—	600 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n.	—
Watsons	14 s	13¾ s	13½ s
Wm. Powells	6½ n	5 b	5 n
H.K. Telephones	4 s	3.80 b 4 s	3.55 sa

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LONDON EXCHANGE.

Rugby, November 27

Paris	134½
New York	4.85
Brussels	34.66½
Geneva	25.14½
Amsterdam	12.13½
Milan	114½
Berlin	20.41½
Stockholm	18.17½
Copenhagen	18.22
Oslo	18.06½
Vienna	34.41½
Prague	169 11/16
Helsingfors	198 9/16
Madrid	33.03
Lisbon	2 17/32
Rio	6 1/32
Buenos Aires	45½
Bombay	1/6 15/32
Shanghai	2/5
Hongkong	1/11
Kobe	2/0 9/32
Silver Spot	25 7/16
Forward	25½

—British Wireless Service.

The Federated Malay States Government has been informed by telegram of the success at the recent examination in Constitutional Law of Tunku Abdul Rahman, son of His Highness the Yang di per Tuan Besar of Negri Sembilan, who is now studying for the Bar in London.

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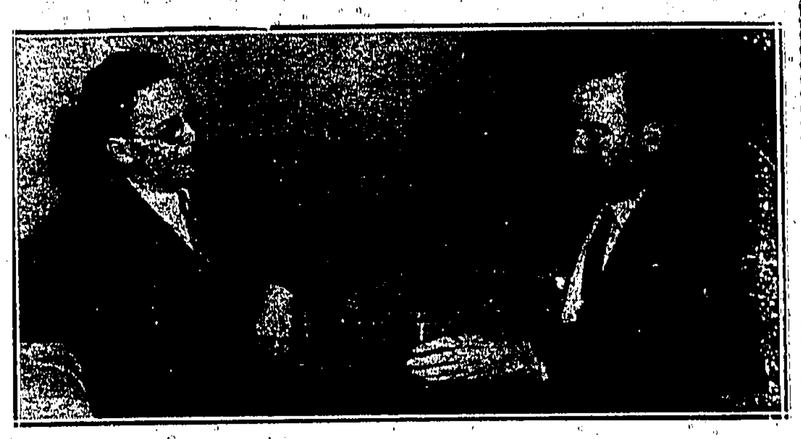
People and Events in the News of the World

James "Killer" Cunliffe, was hunted in connection with a $300,000 mail robbery, in which one man was killed and two injured.



Howard T. Jones and A. W. Henderson, Department of Justice Attorneys, went on a bread and water diet to determine how much prisoners on the same fare suffered. After a few days they returned to tenderloins.

W. W. O'Brien, an attorney, was shot and seriously wounded by gangsters operating a machine gun.

Governor John Trumbull denied rumours that John Coolidge, son of the President, was guarded because it was feared he would elope with the Governor's daughter, Florence. John and Florence were photographed together when he visited the Trumbull home at Hartford last year.

Meet Herschel Cobb (10), son of Ty Cobb, of baseball fame, has returned home after travelling with his dad's team, learning to be a player.

Here is a new picture of Leopold, Crown Prince of Belgium, and Princess Astrid, niece of the Swedish king, whose marriage took place recently.

LORD ASQUITH

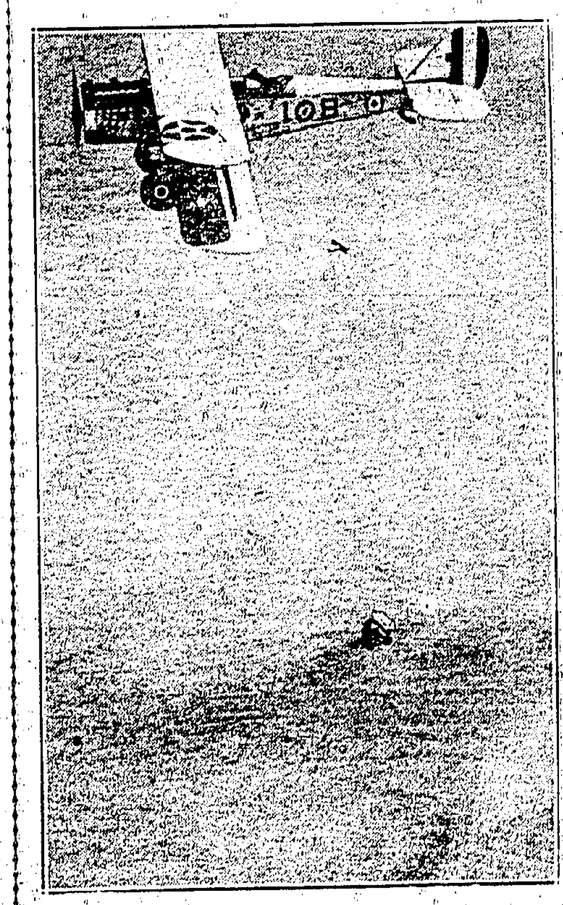
EDWARD L. HEARN

HERBERT C. RODD.

DR. ORLANDO H. PETTY

Lord Oxford and Asquith resigned the leadership of the British Liberal party. Edward Hearn, of New York, former supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, was given the title of count by the Pope. Lieutenant Herbert C. Rodd was to be radio officer on the navy's non-stop flight from Virginia to Panama. Dr. Orlando H. Petty, of Philadelphia, was elected national commander of the Legion of Valour.

Garters such as these were displayed at a British trade buyers' exposition in London.



This unusual picture, made from another aeroplane, shows Archie Atherton, marine, dropping from an aeroplane. This photograph was made before he released his parachute.

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PIRATES AGAIN!

ORPHANS GENEROUSLY RAISED.

It is unreliably reported that another British ship was pirated in the waters of the Colony a day or so ago, but on the Pirate Band finding that the officers, passengers, and crew were orphans, they wept bitterly, and released the ship with many apologies.

To those of our readers who know the plot of "The Pirates of Penzance," which the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society is presenting next month, the above remarks will be perfectly intelligible, for the plot of this opera partly rests on the characteristic of this particular band, that they always let a ship go which was manned by orphans.

A few remarks on the plot will not come amiss. Frederick, who was apprenticed to a pirate, instead of a pilot, by Ruth the Pirate Maid of all Work, who thought "that the two words were so much alike," is just twenty-one and on attaining this age proposes to leave the band and devote himself to their extermination. He wishes to leave Ruth behind, but the Pirate King insists that he take her with him. However, on seeing the "Bevy of Beauteous Maidens" he finds that Ruth has deceived him, and that Mabel is his true love.

The Pirate Band then enters, and capture the ladies, who are all daughters of Major General Stanley, but on finding that the latter is an orphan, release them, at the same time electing them "Members of our band."

The curtain rises on the Second Act with the Major General in the throes of remorse, for having "told a regular terrible story" in that he is not an orphan boy, but Mabel consoles him by reminding him that Frederick's devoted followers are at hand. Thereupon the famous "Policemen's Chorus" enters, which although ready to do it's duty, doesn't like too much danger attached to it.

Ferderick, however, is stopped by Ruth and the King, who inform him, that as he is only five and a little bit over by birthdays, having been born on February 29, he is still a member of the band, and he being "A Slave to Duty" admits this, and betrays the General.

The Pirates enter and in their encounter with the Police, defeat the latter, but, when commanded "In Queen Victoria's name", they submit in their turn. The General then orders them to be taken away the Bar, but on being informed by Ruth that "They are all noblemen gone wrong" orders them to "Resume their legislative duties" at the same time handing them his daughters. The opera ends happily with the fair Ruth of summers 47, reclining on the manly breast of the Sergeant of Police.

Since "Iolanthe" was performed last December, the Society has lost some of the principals who had taken the leading parts in all three of the operas previously produced, Mr. G. H. Piercy, Mrs. Collett, and Mrs. Mathieson, having left the Colony, while Mr. Collett, whose enthusiasm was so infectious, has also left. Of the old hands, Mrs. Bowes-Smith, who will be remembered for her fine performance of Phyllis in "Iolanthe," is taking the strenuous part of Mabel, one of the most, if not the most, difficult part in all the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas, and does it full justice, while Mr. Brock again plays the George Grossmith part of Major General Stanley, one of Gilbert's typically humorous studies. Mr. Richards, is Frederick, the apprentice. The newcomers will be found to uphold the high standard set by their predecessors, Mr. Keown, whose fine baritone has been heard many times on the concert platform, taking the part of the Pirate King, while Mrs. R. C. Watt is singing Ruth the Pirate Maid of all Work. The Sergeant of Police must not be forgotten and is most humourously portrayed by Eng. Lieut. Bedells, R.N., Mr. Fleming wields the baton and under his supervision an excellent chorus has been gathered together. The Society's Orchestra has been augmented for this occasion by the "Ubique" Orchestra, which has been trained by Mr. D. S. H. Hill, and it is indeed a fine achievement for the Colony to find such a fine amateur orchestra of twenty-five members. Booking opens to-day (Monday), at Anderson's, the prices being $3, $2, and $1, soldiers and sailors, in uniform being admitted half price to the $2 and $1 seats. The dates are inserted elsewhere in this issue, and we advise our readers to book early, for experience has shown that the best seats are booked early for the Philharmonic shows. Above all, don't forget that the kiddies are admitted half-price to all seats at the Matinee. Bring them along to see the pirates (not from Bias Bay) and the policemen. What boy doesn't, at some time of his life, want to be one or the others.

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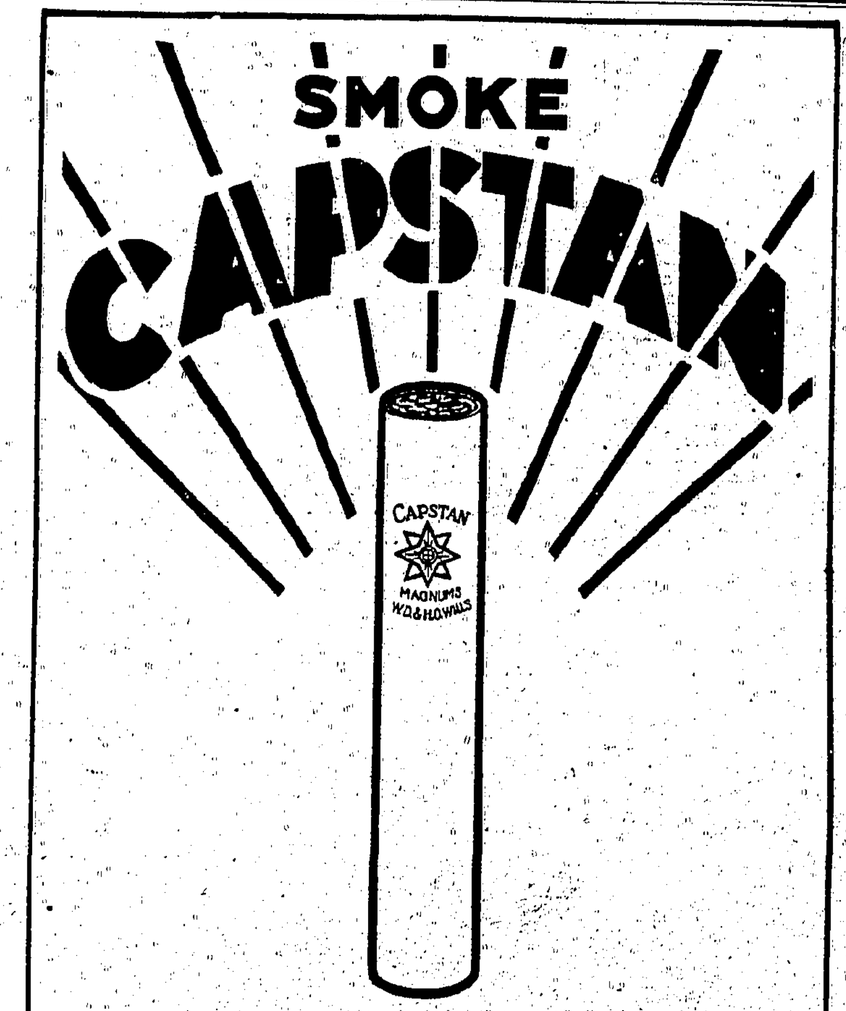

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XMAS LETTERS MAIL VIA SIBERIA FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Xmas letter mail via Siberia for the United Kingdom will be closed in the G.P.O., at 10.30 a.m., on MONDAY, the 29th inst., per s.s. "Suwa Maru."

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From		Per
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29.		
Shanghai		Sinkiang
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1.		
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai		Empress of Asia
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7.		
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OUTWARD MAILS.

MONDAY,	NOVEMBER 29.	
Japan	West Niger	3.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Sunkong	4 p.m.
Tourane	Chungkong	4 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Kwong Foon	4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Shantung	5 p.m.
TUESDAY,	NOVEMBER 30.	
*Swatow and Bangkok	Kiangsi	10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haicheng	Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 29th Dec. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.		
Amoy	Pyrrhus	
WEDNESDAY,	Anking	5 p.m.
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Wei Hai Wei	Carmarthenshire	10.30 a.m.
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THURSDAY,	Kotsu Maru	5 p.m.
Swatow	DECEMBER 2.	
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COAL PEACE.

Approval of District Terms.

POSITION IN NORTH.

63,000 More Men Back Last Week.

Rugby, Nov. 28.

The Northumberland miners yesterday decided by a large majority to negotiate a settlement on the terms offered by the owners on the basis of a 7½-hours day.

Definite decisions have not yet been taken by the three large coal areas of Durham, South Wales and Yorkshire, but elsewhere the proposals for district settlements have been approved.

The newspapers anticipate that in the three outstanding areas negotiations will be undertaken within a few days.

With the exception of Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, where concessions on hours are probable, the settlements generally will be based on an 8-hours day, but in some areas provision is being made for shorter shifts on Saturdays.

Exclusive of the administrative and clerical staffs, over 441,000 men are now working at the pits, representing an increase during last week of 63,000.—British Wireless Service.

Northumberland Ballot.

London, Nov. 28.

The ballot of the Northumberland miners resulted in 16,288 for and 6,251 against the acceptance of the settlement terms. The men have been instructed to resume work immediately.

The Scottish collieries have resumed operations on agreements providing from seven and a half to eight hour shifts at pre-strike wages, but many pits are able at present to employ only a section of the men until they can be got into working order.

The North Staffordshire miners federation have authorised their members to resume work immediately, pending negotiations for an agreement.—Reuter.

EMPIRE RADIO.

EXCHANGE OF WIRELESS PROGRAMMES.

FORTHCOMING EXPERIMENTS.

London, Nov. 28.

The "Sunday Times" says that proposals are under the favourable consideration of the new British Broadcasting Commission, which will assume control of wireless telephonic broadcasting in January and include a scheme for broadcasting from Daventry throughout the Empire by means of a series of relay stations. Experiments will also be made for increased interchange of broadcast programmes between the chief continental stations and Daventry.—British Wireless Service.

WOMAN ARRESTED.

INTRUDER IN SERVANTS' QUARTERS.

PEAK HOUSE INCIDENT.

Arrested by Sub. Insp. Shannon for failing to give a satisfactory explanation for her presence in the servants' quarters attached to the residence of Mr. T. G. Weall, 301, The Peak, a Chinese woman failed to put in an appearance when the case was called in Mr. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning. The Magistrate ordered her bail of $10 to be estreated.

STREET SCRAP.

A DISPUTE OVER DRY OYSTERS.

A dispute over dry oysters led to three shopkeepers being charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with fighting in the street.

"You ought to know better than to fight in the street," said the Magistrate in fining the defendants $2 each. His Worship also ordered the defendants to sign personal bonds to keep the peace for six months.

NARROW ESCAPE.

PRESIDENT OF REICHSTAG ATTACKED.

FASCISTS IN BERLIN.

Berlin, Nov. 28.

While Herr Loebe, President of the Reichstag, was addressing a Socialist Labour demonstration in the square, a Fascist fired a shot from a tram car, the bullet grazing his head.

Members of the Republican organisation were indignant. The crowd pulled out a dozen uniformed Fascists from the tram and roughly handled them.

HERR LOEBE.

The uniformed members of the Republican organisation intervened and protected the Fascists until they were taken into custody by the police.

Two revolvers, a dagger, slings, and a large quantity of ammunition were found in the possession of the Fascists.—Reuter.

EMPIRE'S DESTINY.

THE BIRTH OF THE YOUNGER NATIONS.

"GREATEST HISTORICAL EVENT."

Rugby, Nov. 28.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, in an interview yesterday, expressed the belief that the birth of the younger nations of the British Commonwealth which was registered by the Imperial Conference as a definite stage in the development of the Empire would in future be noted as the greatest historical event in the world's history during the last fifty years.

Those who feared that this recognition involved the removal of the central authority necessary to hold the Empire together should remember that it was not central authority but common loyalties, traditions, ideals and interests combining to sustain the wish to remain united that had bound the Empire together during the last half century.—British Wireless Service.

ALLEGED FRAUDS.

SHANGHAI GERMAN UNDER ARREST.

BROUGHT BACK FROM JAPAN.

Shanghai, Nov. 29.

Holger Harrendorf, the German business man in Shanghai who was charged with defrauding the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank of more than $50,000 and other banks of smaller sums, arrived here today from Moji, Japan, in the custody of a Japanese detective.

Harrendorf was arrested at Yokohama on October 19 and extradiated to Shanghai. He will probably appear before the Mixed Court to-day.—Reuter.

CANADA'S JUBILEE.

London, Nov. 28.

On July 1 next, during the celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of the Confederation of Canada, 53 bells composing the carillon in the tower of the Ottawa Parliament buildings will be rung for the first time. It is hoped that His Majesty may set the bells ringing by pressing a button in London and if, in the meantime, developments of wireless telephony permit, that peal will be broadcast throughout the Empire.—British Wireless Service.

INDIAN ELECTIONS.

No Absolute Majority Swarajists.

HOPES FOR THE REFORMS.

Further Continual Deadlocks Impossible.

Delhi, Nov. 28.

The general election returns confirm the earlier forecast, inasmuch as the Swarajists, while forming the largest single group in the all-India Assembly and the Provincial Councils of Madras, Bengal and the Central Provinces, can nowhere command an absolute majority.

Thus, notwithstanding the fact that their refusal to accept office will mean the formation of somewhat precarious coalitions, there is every hope that the reforms will now work all over India, even in the Central Provinces and Bengal, which on the whole recorded a setback for the Swarajists because they will be unable, any longer to produce continual deadlocks, while as regards Bombay, the United Provinces and Punjab, the Swarajists' proportion of seats will be negligible.

A striking feature of the elections is the change of outlook regarding the election of the Speaker since the Speakers of the All-India Assembly and the Provincial Councils of Bombay, the Punjab and the United Provinces have been returned unopposed. The Swarajists challenged the Speakers in the Madras and Bengal Councils and both lost their seats.—Reuter.

NOT DEAD YET.

LLOYD GEORGE AND LIBERAL PROSPECTS.

Rugby, Nov. 28.

Mr. Lloyd George is optimistic regarding liberal prospects, in spite of differences in the Party which have been further emphasised by the refusal of the Asquithian section to accept the conditions on which Lloyd George's Fund should become available for Party purposes.

He said yesterday that the Liberals would dominate the next Parliament and Labour could not come into office without Liberal help. That would not be forthcoming without definite guarantees from Labour as to the policy to be followed.—British Wireless Service.

SIX WEEKS' JAIL.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL ASSAULT.

The case in which a Chinese foki was charged with wounding a cook at the Repulse Bay Hotel was concluded on Saturday. A previous conviction for theft having been proved against the defendant, Mr. Lindsell sent him to jail for six weeks.

LATE M. KRASSIN.

London, Nov. 28.

Without a service and with little ceremony, the remains of M. Krassin were removed from Chesham House and cremated at Golders Green. The ashes are being taken to Moscow where official rites will be given.

A crowd of 5,000 walked in the procession from Golders Green Station to the crematorium, mostly wearing red and black armlets.—Reuter.

Moscow, Nov. 28.

The ashes of Krassin are expected in Moscow on December 1, and will be immured in the Kremlin wall, in the Red Square, opposite the grave of Frunze, former chief of the army.—Reuter.

BRAZIL TROUBLE.

Monte Video, Nov. 28.

According to reports from the Brazilian frontier, several hundred Brazilian rebels and Government troops were killed, and many more wounded, in the battle of Bella Vista.

The rebels took prisoner the commander of the State forces.—Reuter's American Service.

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 28.

An official communique admits there are revolutionary outbreaks in the States of Parana and Santa Catalina, and says the Government troops routed a hundred rebels, who captured Guarapuara in Parana.—Reuter's American Service.

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